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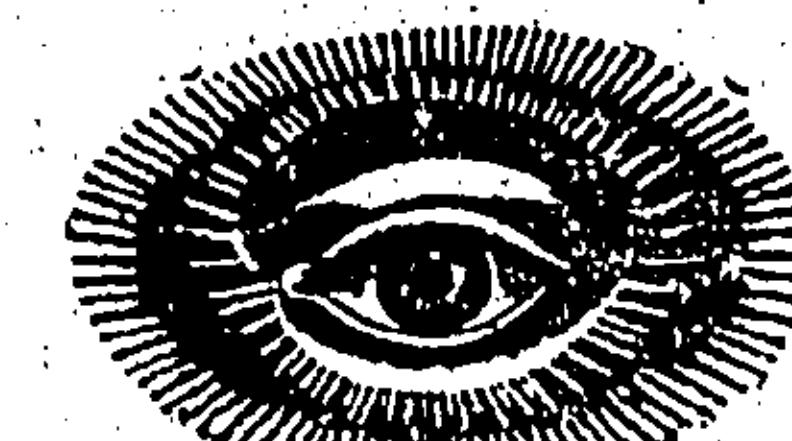
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FOREIGN FEARS.

STEPS BY DIPLOMATIC BODY.

POWERS ANXIOUS.

Meanwhile Further Nationalist Successes Reported

YENCHOW SAID TO HAVE FALLEN.

Steps by the Powers to accord adequate protection to foreigners in North China during the impending crisis are to be agreed upon at a meeting of the Diplomatic Body in Peking, states a Chinese cable from Shanghai.

Further successes for the Nationalist allies are indicated. After a brief halt to consolidate their gains, the Nationalists and the Kuominchun cavalry pushed on northward. Yenchow has been given up by the Northerners in the face of a dual attack and the Northerners have only about 10,000 men at Tai-an. The remainder of the shattered army is converging on Tsinan, on the Yellow River, the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Tsinan-Tsingtao Railways.

Alarm is felt in Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung. Even in Northern circles, it is doubtful if it can be held against the allied drive.

ALARM AT TSINANFU.

The Diplomatic Body has fixed on a date for a conference to extend precautionary measures for the protection of foreigners in China. Tientsin is to be the centre of the measures, states the "Kung Sheung Yat Po," and the steps to be taken will be such that no misunderstanding can arise but will meet with the approval of all contending factions.

Northerners on the Run.

Of most importance in the war, are the developments subsequent to the first Northern debacle.

General Chang Tsung-chang decided to vacate Yenchow (on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway) and retreated north to Tai-an. Here, only 10,000 men are attempting to dig in, the rest continuing to move north in semi-confusion.

Morale is badly shaken in the Northern ranks, states an overnight cable. Anxiety is entertained on account of Tsinanfu where the people are already in a panic.

Ironsides in the Van.

Latest reports are that the Nationalists advanced on Yenchow from the south, with the Cantonese Ironsides as the vanguard. The Kuominchun column's cavalry co-operated by pressing the south-west.

Two of the Shantung (Northern) Generals claimed to have been captured are Lau Chee-luk (an ex-governor of Swatow) and Chan Sui-cheuk, both of whom were in Kwangtung during the Chan Kwing-ming regime. They trekked north a few years ago and joined the Peking faction. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is quoted as having ordered special treatment for these two prisoners.

Many Nationalist Casualties.

The severity of the fighting can be gauged from the fact that although the Nationalists have been winning easily, they have had to send back big batches of wounded troops to Nanking, the capital.

Large numbers of casualties have arrived at Pukow (the terminus of the railway down from the front lines, opposite Nanking), says a British Naval Wireless despatch.

Other Fronts.

There is no reliable news from the Chihli-Shansi front.

On the Chihli-Honan front, it is confirmed that the main strength of the "Christian General's" Kuominchun has captured Taming (in the south of Chihli) but one Northern army is stated to be holding on to Fenglo (in extreme north of Honan), on the Peking-Hankow Railway, and keeping back the Kuominchun.

Approaching Tsinanfu.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Japanese reports from Tsinanfu suggest that the Nationalist vanguards were yesterday approaching Taishan Hills overlooking Tsinanfu. This is borne out in an announcement by the British and American Consuls-General at Tsinanfu who have advised their respective nations to leave in view of the fighting zone moving in that direction.

A Strategic Seal.

Nationalist headquarters re-

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Rose Lau, from Saigon.

Mrs. Lo Yuk-shan, 38, Cheong On-str., Kowloon City, from Shanghai.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 20th April, 1928.

NOTICES.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the said Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of April, 1928, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions, viz:—

(1) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 600,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$3,600,000 by the creation of 120,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(2) That the said 120,000 shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of five existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 23rd day of April, 1928, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 600,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of such 120,000 shares shall be payable as to the sum of \$1 part thereof on the First day of May, 1928, and as to the balance thereof, i.e., \$4 on the First day of June, 1928.

And further that until such time as the said 120,000 shares shall be fully paid up they shall vis-a-vis the said 600,000 shares only rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$5) thereof.

And, that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend such time to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 120,000 shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

(3) That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd shares held by such shareholder.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of April, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.

(2) To elect a new Committee.

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By Order,
M. F. KEY,
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The American Ambassador, speaking to the toast of the guest, said all Americans congratulated Captain Campbell heartily and most sincerely on his achievement.

"But," added the Ambassador, "I suggest that from now on he sleeps with one eye open, for I hope I am betraying no secret when I say that we intend to bring that trophy back." (Cheers).

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, said that from his early days Captain Campbell had been a "daredevil." In 1926 he drove a car at 150 m.p.h., but he was not satisfied.

Race "Degeneration."

"There are people who will tell you when we lose a ping-pong championship that we are decadent. They like to preach the degeneration of their own race. They find us lacking in endurance, in courage, and in hardness. The boys despised their sisters from their nursery days. Woman's physical inferiority in a military state enhanced this difference.

It was considered that girls forced by circumstances to take up office work were exposed to unwelcome attentions on the part of their colleagues and employers. Those bold enough to do so inevitably lost caste and hopes of a suitable husband.

Captain Campbell, the Home Secretary added, had made a wonderful machine and a great scientific experiment, and it was impossible to over-estimate the results that would accrue from it.

Responding to the toast, Captain Campbell, who was received with loud cheers, said he preferred to regard the Home Secretary's exceedingly kind references as a tribute to British engineering.

Describing his feat at Daytona Beach, Captain Campbell said: "I had a four and a half miles run before reaching the measured mile, and an equal distance in which to pull up. It sounds adequate, but it was not nearly enough, for I found that I was actually travelling my fastest as I left the mile. At that moment my instruments recorded 220 miles an hour, and I know they were dead accurate."

Laughing at Traditions.

But the woman of to-day in Germany laughs at such traditions. Long before the Republic—basing its tenets on the equality of the woman helpmeet of the working classes with her man—had given her universal suffrage, and mathematics and sport in girls' as well as boys' schools, she had begun to question man-made laws and man-made wars.

The German housewife who had gone through the war and the blockade either in works or offices, or struggling to feed starving children on synthetic foods, was emancipated before the downfall of the currency. This finished the process. Women in their twenties or thirties, girls of seventeen or eighteen, were earning more than their doctor, lawyer or engineer husbands. Fathers were flouted and husbands laughed at when freedom was questioned.

For the leisured classes sport alone has accomplished the slightness of figure, smartness and brightness that hard work and activity has given the working woman. The German girl of to-day is international. She learnt the use of lipstick, cosmetics and perfumes from the Russian refugees when they poured into Germany. She learnt to smoke when Germany had no more chocolates. She studies the American girl on the films. She buys English magazines to get the right kind of sports clothes. Her Republican education is excellent. With national thoroughness it is she perhaps, who is evolving the perfect type of modern girl.

Margaret Seaton.

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A big change has been made in the cabin dining saloon, where the fixed revolving seats have been replaced by loose commodious armchairs. The vast floor space has been completely relaid with Rubolite tiling, while the smoking room, drawing room, writing room, winter garden and lounge have all been redecorated, reupholstered and repainted.

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Special attention has been paid to the third-class accommodation. The wooden block flooring in the dining-room is now covered with new Rubolite tiling, loose chairs have taken the place of the fixed chairs, the lighting system has been altered, and a panatope has been installed. The public rooms have been renovated, staterooms refitted, and the ventilation and lighting system throughout thoroughly modernised.

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The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Saturday last issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services gives the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths: Plague, Aden 108 (97), Bassein (4), Bombay (15), Rangoon (3); Cholera, Bassein (20), Calcutta (11), Madras (4), Negapatam 1, Rangoon (2), Tuticorin (26), Pondicherry 2 (2), Bangkok 24 (17), Saigon 50 (37); Small-pox, Alexandria 1, Suez 1, Bombay 56 (32), Calcutta 49 (32), Madras 49 (16), Moulmein 4 (2), Negapatam 1 (1), Rangoon 62, Pondicherry 12 (12), Singapore 2, Belawan-Deli 2 (2), Bandjermasin 1, Shanghai (3), Canton 1, Osaka 11, Shimonosaki 2, Dairen 7.

Consignees' NOTICE.

IMMIGRATION.

PROPOSED QUOTA INCREASE
FOR BRITAIN.

Washington.—A new immigration bill, which would increase the quotas from Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has been introduced into the Senate with the approval of Mr. Davis, Secretary for Labour, by Senator Wat-

son. The bill proposes that in future national quotas shall be fixed either under the present quota law or under the so-called "national origins" plan, which will become effective on July 1 if not modified meanwhile by Congress. Where the quota is introduced under the national origins plan exceeds the present allotment, such number will be the quota for the country concerned, but in no instance will the quota for any country be less than that now allotted.

It is estimated that the quotas for the different countries of Europe would be increased as follows:—Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 34,007 to 73,039; Russia from 2,248 to 4,781; Italy from 3,845 to 6,091. There would also be minor increase for the Netherlands, Austria, Spain, Hungary, Greece, Lithuania, Turkey, Jugoslavia, Finland and Latvia.

The bill limits immigration from American countries to ten per cent. of the number of inhabitants of those countries residing in the United States. Under this system it is estimated that the quota from Canada and Newfoundland would be increased from 73,723 to 98,094 while the quota from Mexico would be reduced from 77,155 to 7,785. The bill also provides for seasonal admission for the farm and other cheap labour under the visa system.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The R.I. s.s. "Hatsuharu" left Singapore for this port on April 16 a.m., and is due here to-morrow a.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Takada" leaves Amoy for this port to-day p.m., and is due here to-morrow p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nugpore" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 3 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here on April 24 at about 6 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benreoch" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on April 25.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on March 26 and is due here on April 26.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on April 18 at 3 p.m., left Yokohama on April 19 at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on April 26 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on April 27 at 5 p.m.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 17 and is due in Manila on April 30.

The s.s. "Kendal Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 6, and is due here on May 7.

The M.V. "Rankine" left Hamburg on April 14 and is due here on or about May 25.

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SAILINGS 1928.

| STEAMERS | Hong Kong | Shal | Kobe | Y'hamana | V'var |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | Leave | Leave | Leave | Leave | Arrive |
| EMPEROR OF ASIA | May 9 | June 2 | June 5 | June 8 | June 10 |
| EMPEROR OF CANADA | May 30 | June 12 | June 19 | June 21 | June 30 |
| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | June 13 | July 15 | July 21 | July 23 | July 21 |
| EMPEROR OF ASIA | July 4 | July 7 | July 10 | July 12 | July 21 |
| EMPEROR OF CANADA | July 8 | Aug. 11 | Aug. 14 | Aug. 16 | Aug. 4 |
| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | Aug. 29 | Sept. 1 | Sept. 4 | Sept. 6 | Sept. 15 |
| EMPEROR OF ASIA | Sept. 12 | Sept. 15 | Sept. 18 | Sept. 20 | Sept. 29 |
| EMPEROR OF CANADA | Oct. 3 | Oct. 6 | Oct. 9 | Oct. 11 | Oct. 20 |

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|------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| MOREA | 10,963 | 28th Apr. | Bombay, Marseilles & London |
| LAHORE | 5,252 | 7th May | M'ller, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg |
| KASHGAR | 9,005 | 12th May | Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull |
| KIDDERPORE | 5,334 | 22nd May | Straits, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi |
| MAIWA | 10,986 | 20th May | Bombay, Marseilles & London |
| TAIPORE | 5,273 | 31st May | Straits, Colombo & Bombay |
| JEYPORE | 5,318 | 2nd June | M'ller, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg |
| DELTA | 8,097 | 9th June | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| MURZAPORE | 6,715 | 19th June | Straits & Bombay |
| BAHFUR | 10,801 | 23rd June | Bombay, Marseilles & London |
| NOVARA | 6,969 | 30th June | M'ller, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 7th July | Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull |
| RAWALPINDI | 10,610 | 21st July | Bombay, Marseilles & London |
| NANKIN | 7,058 | 28th July | M'ller, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg |
| KASHMIR | 8,935 | 4th Aug. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| RAJPUTANA | 10,568 | 18th Aug. | Bombay, Marseilles & London |
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|------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| HATIPARA | 7,764 | 25th Apr. | Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| MALWA | 10,886 | 27th Apr. | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| ALPORE | 5,273 | 1st May | Moji & Kobe. |
| TALMA | 10,000 | 3rd May | Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| TAKLAWA | 7,538 | 7th May | Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama. |
| TANDA | 6,056 | 8th May | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama. |
| NOVARA | 6,280 | 11th May | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| DEVANHA | 8,155 | 14th May | Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka. |
| DETA | 8,007 | 11th May | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| SANDWA | 7,754 | 22nd May | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| MURZAPORE | 6,715 | 24th May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| ANTHURA | 10,601 | 25th May | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| TILAWA | 10,000 | 2nd June | Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| NANKIN | 7,058 | 5th June | Moji, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,600 | 5th June | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama. |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 8th June | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| RAWALPINDI | 10,610 | 22nd June | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| NELLORE | 6,853 | 3rd July | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| KASHMIR | 8,985 | 6th July | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| ARAFURA | 6,050 | 10th July | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama. |
| RAJPUTANA | 10,568 | 20th July | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| KALYAN | 9,144 | 3rd Aug. | Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
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BRAVE ACT.

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SWANSEA PRESENTATION.

A story of a sailor's splendid bravery in saving a shipmate's life was told at the Swansea Docks Exchange, when the Mayor of Swansea (Councillor E. W. Howells), on behalf of British Tankers, Ltd., presented a silver watch and chain and a cheque for £20 to Able Seaman F. Preese, of Swansea, for saving the life of A. T. Morgan.

Mr. Wilfred Thomas (president of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce) presided over the ceremony, and Paymaster Lieut.-Commander W. L. Owen, of the Board of Trade, Swansea, explained that Preese and Morgan were seamen on board the tanker "British Lord," now in port at Swansea, and, on November 14, Morgan was painting down the fore topmast stay when he was seen falling from a height of from 45 to 50 feet. Preese rushed forward and, breaking his fall, caught him in his arms, just as he reached the deck. Morgan suffered from severe bruise and shock, but was able to resume duty in a couple of days, and Preese, who was also affected by shock, soon recovered. His plucky act undoubtedly stood unique in the annals of the Mercantile Marine.

Mr. J. Johnstone, local manager of British Tankers, Ltd., expressed the appreciation of the directors of Preese's bravery.

The Mayor, making the presentation, said he was proud of Preese, because he was a Swander.

The gifts were handed over amid applause from a large gathering of members of the Exchange, and Preese modestly replied, "Thank you, sir," adding that the cheque would come in useful.

Mr. George Gunning, treasurer of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union, on behalf of the president (Mr. Haylock Wilson) joined in the tribute, and said if more employers of labour, instead of looking to others to recognise deeds of bravery in the ranks of their men, acted like the British Tankers' Company it would tend to create a better feeling and bring more peace in industry.

BUILDING ORDER.

The Southern Railway Company have placed with Messrs. William Denny and Brothers, Limited, Dumbarton, an order for a steamer for their Calais-Dover service. The general arrangement of the ship will be on the lines of the Isle of Thanet and the Maid of Kent, which were built by Messrs. Denny, and have proved themselves popular vessels with the cross-Channel travelling public. The new ship, however, will be a little larger, and will incorporate such additional features for the comfort and convenience of passengers as will make her superior even to her immediate predecessors.

The machinery will continue to be twin-screws, turbine-driven, steam being supplied by oil-fired water-tube boilers. Various alterations, with a view to securing economy in fuel, will be incorporated in the design, which otherwise is chosen in order to maintain the smoothness of running, a high speed associated with the other vessels of the company's Calais-Dover fleet.

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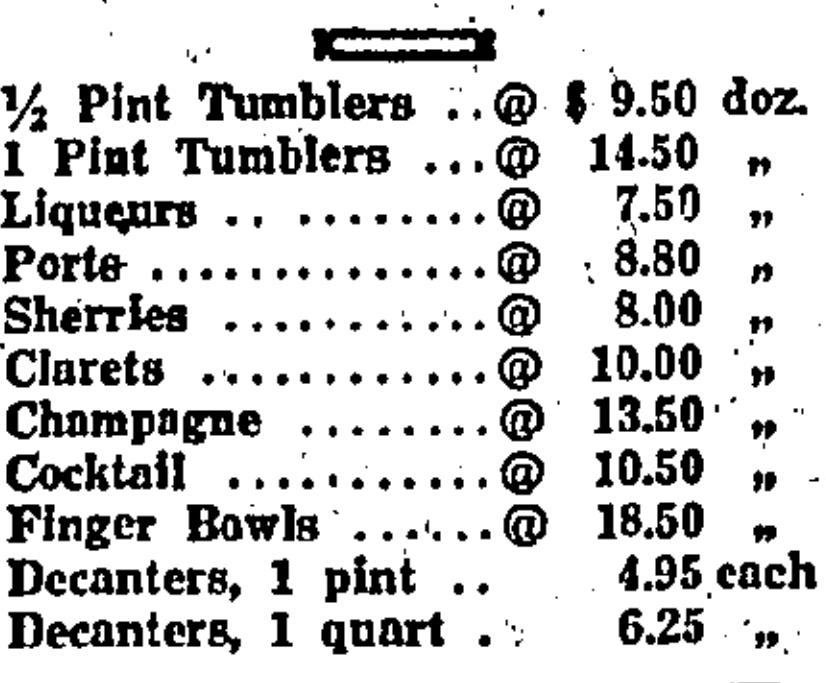
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BIRTH.

HUTTON.—On April 15, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hutton, a daughter (still born).

MARRIAGE.

BISHOP-WHITMORE.—On Saturday, April 14, at Community Church, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. L. Boynton, Kathleen Whitmore to James Frederick Bishop.

DEATHS.

GAUNT.—On April 12, at Hangchow, died suddenly, Helen, the beloved wife of the Rev. T. Gaunt, of the Church Missionary Society.

ANDERSEN.—On Sunday, April 16, at his residence, 383 Route de Sleyes, Shanghai, Claus Laurits Andersen, aged 78.

MURRAY.—On April 16, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, John Tullibardine Murray, Captain s.s. "Ninghsao," aged 60 years.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 21, 1928.

SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

It is quite refreshing to read what Mr. K. L. Chau, as president of the Euro-American Returned Students' Union, had to say of the students' aspirations now that they have returned to their native land. These young men might easily be a power for good in their respective native countries, but enter upon their life's work in the proper spirit. Their wider outlook on affairs generally should

men, who are indisputably the most ignorant of European people. Only very ignorant people would tolerate the conditions of Communism. But the all-important point to bear in mind is that the Soviet leaders, so foolishly obsessed by Bolshevism, still cling to their intention to interfere in the affairs of other nations and to foment as much agitation as they possibly can. They seem to be incapable of realising that because their countrymen have just emerged from serfdom, where they were treated in the way that serfs and slaves have almost invariably been treated, that other nations require similar bolstering-up. The fallacy is ludicrous in the extreme, and none the less so because comparatively small groups of more or less fanatical people are to be found to listen to the Russians' ridiculous plans for the introduction of Utopia. So long as Russian gold flows, so long will individuals be ready to ally themselves with even the maddest of schemes. However, for the sake of good government, such individuals should, when fitting opportunity presents itself, be dealt with in the Courts in such a way as to cause others to think twice before allowing their greed for gold to usurp whatever sense they may possess in furthering the doctrine of fanatical "Reds."

Quite an unexpected turn has been given to the discussion in the House of Commons on the Bill which has as its object the granting of the British suffrage to women of twenty-one years, thus placing them on an equality with men in that respect. The surprise came in the opposition, mild though no doubt it was, of supporters of the Government. They argued not only that the suffrage should not be given to women under twenty-five years but that the law should be altered to include men in that category. This request seemed to be altogether too much for Conservatives as a whole, and they rejected the suggestion very decisively. But is it so "revolutionary"? We doubt it. For how many men or women under twenty-five (to say nothing of the many of that age and over it) know sufficient about politics to be able to vote intelligently? Precious few, and much fewer in these jazzing days than, say, a decade ago. Quite obviously the granting of the franchise to callow youths of both sexes at the age of twenty-one is little more than electioneering tactics or, to call "a spade a spade" and not an "agricultural implement," mere vote-catching trickery.

VICTORY FOR RISKO.

HIS BOAST—“I WILL BEAT TUNNEY, TOO.”

New York.—Tex Rickard's search for a worthy challenger for Gene Tunney, world's heavy-weight champion, received another setback when neither Johnny Risko nor Jack Sharkey could produce a knock-out punch after a wrestling hit-and-miss battle of 15 rounds. Johnny Risko, the Austrian-born Cleveland baker boy, gained a narrow points verdict over the favourite, Jack Sharkey.

The heavy-weight position now assumes a most interesting aspect as far as the British Empire challenger, Tom Heeney, is concerned. It is a remarkable fact that whereas "Honest Tom" a fortnight ago drew a gate of £40,000 and a crowd of 20,000 people, the encounter attracted only 10,000 mildly interested spectators, who saw a very mediocre fight.

It is, thus evident that apart from Tunney, or Dempsey, Tom Heeney is Tex Rickard's best drawing card.

No official announcement has yet been made by Tex Rickard, who watched the fight with a frown of dissatisfaction until the fourteenth round, when he left in disgust. It is expected he will match Heeney with Risko.

Risko, after the fight, said:

"I can't lick Tunney, too, just as I did Sharkey. He beat me to a standstill three years ago, and I can't wipe him now. If, however, they be ready me to fight Heeney, I'll be ready any time."—Reuter.

“POPPY DAY.”

£500,000 RESPONSE TO APPEAL.

H.R.H.'S WISH.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail")

March 21, 1928.

Dear Sir.—A great deal of interest has been shown by the public as to whether the 1927 Poppy Day Appeal total would reach the half million aimed at, and suggested by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales when speaking on the Wireless on the evening of November 10 last.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the £500,000 mark has been passed, and I feel sure you will be pleased to have the enclosed details.

We shall greatly value your help in giving publicity to these details in your columns.

Yours very truly,

W. G. Wimcox,

Captain, Organising Secretary, Appeal Department, British Legion.

PRINCE'S WISH FULFILLED.

Poppy Day Total Over £500,000.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when speaking on the Wireless on the evening of November 10 last year in support of the Poppy Day Appeal, said:—

"We bought so many Poppies last year and so nearly reached the total of £500,000, that surely we can do a little better this year and realise the half million to-morrow. So will each one of you give a little more for your Poppy than you did last year?"

Give even a little more than you can afford, remembering that even if it is a sacrifice, it is a small one compared with theirs, and that in so giving we are keeping alive that spirit of unselfish comradeship in which they so gallantly went away, willingly gave of their best, and often of their all, in the name of those dear who have lost and for the sake of those who are still with us but in such trying need, I ask you to be very generous to-morrow."

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Prince's wish has been fulfilled, and to-day Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston-square, London, S.W.1 make it known that the total received to date in respect of Poppy Day, 1927, is just over £504,000 a figure which speaks eloquently of the generosity of the contributors, and the enthusiastic and efficient services rendered by many thousands of voluntary workers. Even this is not the final total, as collections made in several far distant overseas places have still to be received.

Of this splendid total of £504,000, no less than £72,900 was contributed in Greater London, £26,362 in the English and Welsh Counties, £76,991 in Scotland, £14,000 in Ireland, and £63,891 by British Communities overseas. Of the remaining £14,000 passengers on British Liners at sea on November 11 last gave £3,979, followers of Hounds (by means of "Caps") £2,787, and by sales of Flanders Poppy Wreaths, etc., £7,234.

Space does not permit mention being made of more than a few of the outstanding collections received, but the following indicate the spirit of enthusiasm in which overseas collections were made: British Malaya sent £15,744, Ceylon £5,925, the Gold Coast £3,765, Nigeria £3,811.

Many collections on liners were extraordinarily good, £429 being received from the s.s. "Edinburgh Castle," £419 from the s.s. "Rajputana," and £200 from the s.s. "Almanzora." Practically without exception, poppy sales were arranged on every British liner at sea on Remembrance Day.

Collections in the English and Welsh Counties were outstandingly successful, the aggregate totals showing an advance on the previous year of 25 per cent. The following are a few of the principal amounts received: Birmingham £11,035, Manchester £8,170, Liverpool £5,307, Bristol £4,434, Leeds £2,923, Sheffield £2,609, Hull £1,836, Southend £1,803, Bournemouth £1,805, Newcastle £1,666, Nottingham £1,293, Northampton £1,288, and Leicester £1,287.

London district collections include the following: Kensington £3,789, Wandsworth £3,496, Marylebone £2,019, Chelsea £2,899, Hampstead £2,059, Ealing £1,436, Willesden £1,224, Wimbledon £1,292, and Finsbury £1,008.

The late Field Marshal Earl Haig took the keenest interest in the growth of his Poppy Day Appeal, and it was very sad that he did not live long enough to see the first half million reached. The Poppy Day Appeal, since its inception in 1921, has raised approximately £2,385,000 for the cause of distressed ex-service men, and has

The totals for each year since 1921 have been—1921—£106,000, 1922—£204,000, 1923—£259,000, 1924—£357,000, 1925—£395,000, 1926—£435,000, 1927—£504,000.

The total quantity of Poppies sold on Remembrance Day, 1927, was approximately three millions more than the corresponding figure for 1926, and it is gratifying to note that this increased demand for Poppies, as well as for Flanders Poppy Wreaths, has permitted the engagement of a further twenty severely disabled ex-service men at the British Legion Poppy Factory at Richmond—the Factory of Remembrance.

Each year the demand for Poppy Wreaths has grown—and the demand now is not only for Wreaths for placing in connection with Armistice Day ceremonies, but for despatch at all times of the year for the funeral of any ex-Service men in this country, or for placing in War Ceremonies overseas. These Wreaths can be placed on any British soldiers' grave overseas, at an additional charge of only 2/6d. A fully illustrated price list may be obtained from the Headquarters of Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston-square, London, S.W.1.

PORTUGUESE LOAN.

CAUSES OF FAILURE OF THE RECENT REQUEST.

LEAGUE'S CONDITIONS.

The breakdown of the negotiations at Geneva for a Portuguese loan under League auspices is the subject of a semi-official statement issued recently explaining why the purparlers failed.

The statement begins by saying that, in accord with the Government, the Portuguese representatives did not accept the conditions of the Financial Committee of the League of Nations.

"The Committee's proposals may," it continues, "be summed up as the appointment of a Control Agent, and a right on the part of the Committee to send a financial commission of three members to administer the revenues assigned to the service of the loan. The Portuguese Government presented two counter-proposals, which guaranteed the rights of loan subscribers, but the Committee adhered to its standpoint.

"Faithful to the Government's declaration that it would never agree to conditions that assailed the national honour, the Portuguese delegates did not accept the stipulated conditions or agree to the adjournment of the discussion to the July session, as suggested by the Committee, preferring to resume its liberty of action, and to pursue the loan negotiations where and in what manner it deems best.

"Emigrés in Paris represented to the League of Nations that the Government has not the necessary powers to contract a loan, but the League of Nations, at one of its first meetings, was of opinion that the Government was capable of entering into such a contract."

The Lisbon Government finally promises to publish documents justifying its action

UNFAITHFUL WIFE.

YOUNG HUSBAND'S DEATH.
"FOUND DROWNED."

A 19-year-old Chinese fisherman of Aberdeen, named Cheng Tsui-hi, whose body was found in the harbour off Kailungwan (Sandy Bay) on April 11, was the subject of an inquest held by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The dead man's 16-year-old wife, whom he married a little over a year ago, gave evidence. She made a straightforward confession of having committed misconduct with her father-in-law and two of the latter's sons. She did not think that her husband knew of her infidelity, however. The girl also said that she believed that her husband committed suicide but not because of her. He was half-witted, but had always treated her well and was very fond of her. When he left the boat at 10 a.m. on April 8, he did not say anything to her, but his manner was unusual. He was not angry with her.

The deceased's father denied that he had misconducted himself with his daughter-in-law. His son was a dull and stupid man. The witness had no reason to believe that his son's wife had been unfaithful to him. As far as he knew they had never quarrelled. He could not offer any reason why his daughter-in-law should make such a serious allegation against him. When his son did not return at 8 p.m., he reported to the police.

Body Found.

On April 11 the witness was at Wanchai when a foksi reported finding his son's body at Kailungwan and he went there and brought the remains to Aberdeen.

The father added that he had no reason to believe that his son committed suicide. He usually rambled about in his silly moods, and it was possible he had fallen into the harbour.

Fan Tai, one of the foksi of the father's boat, who found the deceased's body at Kailungwan, admitted that he had committed misconduct with the dead man's wife, but he also did not think the husband knew of it.

A small boy working for the deceased's father said that he saw the dead man outside a teahouse, and was told: "You go fishing, don't wait for me." Ah Tai (the deceased) was very angry when he said this, and the witness said that he had no intention of returning to the boat.

Doctor's Evidence.

Dr. Alexander Cannon who held the post mortem, said that death was due to drowning. There were no marks on the body other than two cuts going down as far as the scalp. These could not have caused death and were probably caused after death by the body being washed against rocks.

The dead body was poor physically. There was marked tuberculous pneumonia present in both lungs. When a man was in such condition it often led to acute mania. At the time of death the man might have been temporarily insane and got into the water without knowing what he was doing.

The Coroner decided to return a verdict of "found drowned." He said that it was impossible to determine whether the deceased had committed suicide, or death was due to acute mania which caused him to walk into the harbour and thus meet his death by misadventure.

THE ELECTRON.

GIRTON FOUNDERS' LECTURE.

Cambridge.—The first founders' memorial lecture at Girton College, Cambridge, was delivered by Sir J. J. Thomson, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Professor of Physics.

In introducing the lecturer, Lady Stephen explained that a former student of Girton had given an endowment for a lecture to be delivered annually in honour of their founders. The lectures would, they hoped, perform the function of a memorial window. They would be a monument of their affection and gratitude, and they would let in the light.

Sir Joseph Thomson, in his lecture, said some recent experiments, especially those made by Professor G. P. Thomson on the passage of electrons through very thin films of metal, had thrown quite a new light on the nature of the electron. They had proved that a uniformly moving electron was accompanied by a train of waves which preceded and guided it; the electron following in the wake of the waves. Thus the electron, like light, had a dual structure, one part containing the energy being corpuscular, while the other part controlling and guiding the path was undulatory. The wave which accompanied the electron vibrated more rapidly than the hardest Rontgen rays. The only rays ap-

WILL DISPUTE.

BARHAM OF "INGOLDSBY LEGENDS."

£60,000 FORTUNE.

Further evidence was called in the proceedings concerning the fortune, between £60,000 and £70,000, of Mr. Francis William Robbins Barham, late of Treewm, Letterston, Pembrokeshire, and Clyde-ron, Croydon, who died, at the age of 86, in December 1926.

The plaintiff, a son, Mr. Cyril Hugh Sackville Barham, of Kingsley-avenue, Ealing, W., claimed to be one of the persons entitled, in the event of an intestacy, to share in the estate.

He also claimed to be entitled to a life interest in a part of the estate under settlements, and alleged that a will of July 24, 1912, and nine codicils were not duly executed, as his father at the time was not of sound testamentary capacity. The defendants, Mr. David Jenkin and Mr. Henry Isaac Cundy, as executors, propounded the will and codicils.

Mr. F. W. R. Barham, it was said, had eccentric and whimsical ideas.

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In the final codicil Mr. Barham cut out entirely his son, his wife, and other members of the family, and left his money to the children of a niece, on condition that they remained or became Protestants.

Mr. Frederick Beaumont Morgan, a solicitor, gave evidence of receiving instructions for the will, which was duly executed.

The children of the niece, Mrs. Squire, he said, were Roman Catholics. They had changed their name to Barham, in accordance with the will, but not their religion.

A managing clerk of the previous witness, Mr. Edward Francis, was cross-examined by Mr. Norman Birrell (for the son).

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AGENT & MASTER.

"THINGS THEY DON'T DO AT KEDLESTON."

LORD SCARSDALE SUED.

Lord Scarsdale, of Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, was sued for damages by Mr. Hector Ian Mackenzie, of Verulam-buildings, Gray's Inn, W.C., his former land agent, who alleged that he had been wrongfully dismissed.

Mr. E. Hancock explained that Mr. Mackenzie was appointed at a salary of £500 a year and a house rent free.

There were petty disputes between him and Lord Scarsdale, who would occasionally countermand an order he had given.

Last November Lord Scarsdale said they obviously could not get on together, adding, "You don't suit me as an agent," and told Mr. Mackenzie that he would have to leave at the end of January, 1928.

Mr. Mackenzie said he was entitled to at least six months' notice, and protested against being treated as "one of his lordship's flunkies."

Lord Scarsdale replied: "There's the door. Don't give me the trouble of telling my servants to put you out."

Mr. Mackenzie, added counsel, was just over 50 and Lord Scarsdale was young enough to be his son.

Further interviews took place in the estate office, but on January 3 the butler asked Mr. Mackenzie to meet Lord Scarsdale in the business room at Kedleston Hall. Mr. Mackenzie wrote saying that he had never been shown the door of any house before and did not intend to give Lord Scarsdale an opportunity of repeating the incident.

The solicitors later wrote stating that Lord Scarsdale was justified in dismissing Mr. Mackenzie without further notice as he had refused to obey his reasonable orders.

Evidence was then given. Questioned about the suggestion that Mr. Mackenzie might have been thrown out of the house, Lord Scarsdale replied: "Throwing out is more connected with public houses and theatres. Things like that don't happen at Kedleston." The hearing was adjourned.

Approaching them in this respect were the rays from radio-active substances. Those results showed that the early conception of the electron as a point charge of negative electricity surrounded by a structureless medium could not be adequate. The electron or its surroundings must be much more complex; there must be something beyond the electron.

"BANISH MY PAST."

YOUNG MAN'S DRAMATIC PLEA TO APPEAL JUDGES.

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THE ROLLS-ROYCE.

PRINCE VISITS THE WORKS.

"HUSH—HUSH" ENGINE.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales paid an unofficial visit to the Rolls-Royce Works at Derby on Tuesday, February 21, 1928.

Arriving with the Mayor of Derby, he was received by Mr. Basil Johnson (Managing Director), Lieut.-Col. The Lord Herbert Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Director), Mr. A. Wormald, O.B.E. (Works Manager), along with Mr. A. J. Rowledge (Assistant Chief Engineer), Mr. W. M. Cowen (General London Manager), Mr. A. F. Sidgreaves (General Sales Manager), and Mr. J. De Looze (Secretary).

The first gracious act of His Royal Highness was to plant a tree in the new Memorial garden beside the Colonnade designed by Sir Herbert Baker, and erected in memory of the late Mr. Claude Johnson, the first Managing Director of the Company.

His Royal Highness made a tour of the principal portions of the works, expressing the greatest interest in the many unique manufacturing and testing processes through which both the chassis and aero engines produced at these famous works pass, and at the meticulous accuracy in the construction of the numerous detailed parts.

Perhaps the most interesting portion of the Prince's tour was the aero engine department of the works, where he was shown one of the latest Rolls-Royce aero engines, which has been designed by Mr. F. Henry Royce to fulfil the special requirements of the Air Ministry as regards great power combined with speed and reliability, for use in the latest types of aircraft by the Royal Air Force.

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Up to the present the utmost secrecy has been maintained concerning the construction of this engine, which includes many new features in its design.

It is expected that this "Hush-Hush" engine, which in many respects is a departure from and an improvement on all other engines, will revolutionise many of the results obtained in the past in both aeroplanes and flying boats.

This new engine is of over 500 horsepower, with a bore of 5 ins. and stroke of 5½ ins. The engine has been designed by Mr. Royce with specially reduced external dimensions in order to present the air (one of the most important), thus adding materially to the speed of the aircraft into which it will be fitted.

For very many years His Royal Highness has possessed and used motor cars made for him in the famous Rolls-Royce Works, and he was, therefore, specially interested in inspecting the detailed methods of their construction throughout.

When leaving the Prince entered one of the latest Rolls-Royce cars and was driven through the main thoroughfares of the Works, while workmen and employees lined the side walks and demonstrated their enthusiasm and appreciation of his visit by their cheering.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

"CESSPOOL OF LONDON."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Gay Retreat."

To-day—World Theatre; "A Man's Past."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Honeymoon Express."

To-day—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A.

Social, at 7.30 p.m.

April 22—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m.

April 22—Further display of the "Contra-Dance" by the Sociedad Juvenil, at Club de Recreio, King's Park, 9 p.m.

April 22—Queen's Theatre; "The Quarterback."

April 22—World Theatre; "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30, 9.15.

April 22—Star Theatre; "Wild Beauty."

April 23—Entertainment to Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George.

April 23—Committee and Members of St. George's Society "At Home" to H.M. Force in Queen's and Star Theatres.

April 24—Queen's Theatre; "Everybody's Acting."

April 24—Star Theatre; "The General."

April 25—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

April 26—Queen's Theatre; "The Cohen and Kelly's in Paris."

April 26—Star Theatre; "Footloose Widows."

April 30—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. dance, at Helena May Institute.

April 23—Miscellaneous goods, Sales Room, Duddell-st, 11 a.m.

April 26—Valuable Curios, at Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

April 27—Household furniture, 42, Humphreys-bldg, Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—St. Peter's Club first annual marathon race, 3 p.m.

To-day—H.K. Football Assn.; Chinese Athletic v. R. N. 3.30 p.m.; Lai-Wah Cup final, 6 p.m.

April 28—Hong Kong Boxing Association's final tournament, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Meetings.

April 23—Extraordinary meeting of the China Light & Power Co.

(1918) Ltd., at No. 42, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

April 24—Fiftieth annual meeting of China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., at Company's offices, Pedder-st, noon.

April 24—Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

April 24—Laying of foundation stone for the erection and extension of the East wing of the H.K. University by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce.

April 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's-bldg, by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

WAR FILMS.

Whatever else may emerge from the controversy surging round the expediency of war films, one thing is certain, the film as a factor in modern life is being taken seriously, says the London "Daily Telegraph."

Now that it is seen to have power to bring about international complications it attains a new importance. We have already expressed the view that no good, but rather harm, is

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Cheer 'O (Y.M.C.A.) dance which was postponed from April 23, is announced to take place on April 30, at the Helena May Institute.

In Canton on Thursday, Mr. Chu Shue-sing, son of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, was married, the ceremony being a quiet one. Later, at the Hotel Asia, a reception was held.

The National Hunt Steeplechase at Cheltenham is shown in tomorrow's British topical gazette at the Queen's Theatre, which also includes views of Nelson's "Victory," glimpses of H.M.S. "Tiger" and Submarine L22 submerging with the King of Afghanistan on board.

With reference to the appeal for papers and periodicals for the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. the Committee wish it to be clearly understood that donations of money towards cost of same (or alternatively orders on news agents) will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by the Secretary.

Yesterday evening a smoking concert was held at the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, under the auspices of the Royal Artillery Association, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended. An extremely well sustained programme reflected great credit on the artiste, which included Major Tuke, M.C., Lieut. Musson, W. O. Macdonald, B.S.M., Broadbridge, Sergt. Moore, Alvey, and Leach, L/Cpl. Stewart, Bdr. Quinn and Pte. Brown, all of whom were deservedly applauded for their entertaining items.

At the St. Andrew's Church Hall, yesterday evening, a social was held under the auspices of the gentlemen of the Church vestry. The many that attended spent a very enjoyable evening, all taking part in the games and competitions in cheery spirit. At the conclusion, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar of Kowloon, in a short speech, thanked those responsible for the social for managing it so ably and also expressed regret of the departure for Home of two ardent worshippers at St. Andrew's, Mr. C. Mitchell and Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

"Sir Arthur Sullivan was a great composer of comic opera, but in Church music he never wrote anything worth a cuss," declared Dr. E. C. Bairstow, organist of York Minster, in an adjudication on church choirs at the Carlisle musical festival. The choirs had sung Sullivan's anthem "Love the Lord." Dr. Bairstow said that this effusion was the feeblest type of Victorian music. Stupid, nonsensical music had driven thousands of people out of church. No intelligent person was going to listen to such music sung in a complacent way to-day.

New York.—Miss Peggy Joyce, the blonde who is famous for her marriages and jewels, has bought the largest blue diamond in the world. The trinket cost her \$60,000. The stone has been set in a close-fitting necklace made of a single line of platinum links encrusted with small diamonds, an adornment so flexible that the huge jewel gleams with every movement. The diamond, weighing 127 carats, is more than an inch square, and is named the "Black Starr Frost Diamond," after the company that obtained the jewel from the Kimberley mines 15 years ago. Miss Joyce (who has had four marriages dissolved) has not been allowed to buy this unique addition to her collection without a report spreading that there is yet another romance budding in her life. But this rumour she herself does not confirm.

After dining in a public house in Canning Town, E., recently, Prince Henry (now the Duke of Gloucester) attended a boxing contest in the hall adjoining Mansfield House University Settlement. He remained there after the boxing was over, and it was 12.30 a.m. before, surrounded by a crowd of enthusiastic young men, to whom he had been talking in the Settlement, he drove off. He dined first at the Ordnance Arms. The party included members of the Settlement. The menu was soup, fish, chicken, and cheese, and with his dinner Prince Henry drank a glass of beer. The party then walked across the road to the settlement, where, in the midst of an audience of young men employed in every kind of work, Prince Henry watched the boxing. It was in aid of the Lady Trotter sports ground for the Settlement. Prince Henry stayed for more than an hour after the last contest and visited every part of the building, taking great interest in the activities. He chatted with young men in the reading-room, dockers, and stevedores, some of whom had no idea that a royal visitor would see them at their evening's recreation.

Gross estate amounting to £35,065 was left by Mr. James Orange, of Gray's Inn-square, formerly of Hong Kong, who died on September 27 last. Included in the bequests are gifts of paintings, water colours etc. to the Victoria and Albert Museum, S. Kensington, and of other paintings, lacquer, prints etc. to the British Museum; £200 to the Bishop of Hong Kong for charitable purposes and £100 each to the Italian Convent and St. Paul's Institution. Another pro-bate concern is the estate of Mr. David Gubbay, of Hertford-street, Mayfair, W., formerly of Hong Kong, who left £57,582 unsettled. Deceased was a director of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., of the Imperial Bank of Persia, and of the African Mercantile Company.

LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Chittagong, April 20.—A Mahomedan has stabbed to death the district magistrate, Mr. G. H. W. Davies.—Reuter.

Dr. Alice Deborah Hickling, M.B.E., has been re-appointed to the Midwives Board for a further three years from April 22.

The Middlesbrough Watch Committee has advised police officers who own or drive motor vehicles to insure against third party risks.

Mr. S. H. Ross has been appointed by the Supreme Court liquidator, in addition to Mr. J. H. Essex Seth, for the Kam Wing Bank, Hong Kong.

The name of Dr. (Miss) Martha Hunter Hoahing, L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. (Edinburgh) has been added to the local register of medical practitioners.

The first performance of the centenary revival of Ibsen's play "Hedda Gabler" took place at the Everyman Theatre, N.W., the characters being dressed in the picturesque costumes of the period.

Two honorary aides-de-camp to H.E. the Governor have been appointed. They are Subedar Major Sultan Ahmed, 3/15th Punjab Regiment, and Subedar Major Mungul Singh, Hong Kong & Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery.

Unless cause is shown to the contrary within three months, the following companies will be struck off the register and dissolved:—The General Exchange Co., Ltd., Colonial Commercial Co., Ltd., The Sedan Co., Ltd., Yue Tak Co., Ltd.



ALEXANDER P. MOORE, OF PITTSBURGH, WHO IS RUMORED WILL SUCCEED MILES POLANDER AS AMBASSADOR TO PERU.

Yesterday evening, the Blue Funnel Liner, s.s. "Bellophon" sailed for Liverpool, with a further contingent of troops sent to China during the recent trouble in the North. The party consisted of the engine repair section of the R.A.F., with an addition of six men from the Kai Tak Aerodrome. Totalling 72 men, they sail under the command of F. O. Jones, who is the only officer in the batch. The engine section was stationed at the Cameron-road camp while in Kowloon.

It had to come. The great new Orang-utan at the London Zoo is to be renamed. He reached England with the name "Ginger," which was bestowed—or rather plastered—on him by the irreverent sailors in his ship. When we really saw him in the comparative freedom of the Experimental Apé House, it was clear that this sly, suppliant term did not fit him in the slightest. He is dignified—majestic almost. No one ever smiled when he swung himself about the great cage with his 10ft. stretch of arms. He surrounded himself with an atmosphere of calm power, which was almost terrific, and "Ginger" suited him no better than "Flossie" fits thunderbolt. It is practically decided that his new name shall be Marcus.

Gross estate amounting to £35,065 was left by Mr. James Orange, of Gray's Inn-square, formerly of Hong Kong, who died on September 27 last. Included in the bequests are gifts of paintings, water colours etc. to the Victoria and Albert Museum, S. Kensington, and of other paintings, lacquer, prints etc. to the British Museum;

£200 to the Bishop of Hong Kong for charitable purposes and £100 each to the Italian Convent and St. Paul's Institution. Another pro-bate concern is the estate of Mr. David Gubbay, of Hertford-street, Mayfair, W., formerly of Hong Kong, who left £57,582 unsettled. Deceased was a director of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., of the Imperial Bank of Persia, and of the African Mercantile Company.

There are 68 undefended divorce cases, including one nullity suit, down for hearing, at Birmingham Assizes, thirty-eight of the petitioners being wives.

Damages of £1,000 were awarded in the King's Bench Division to the wife of Dr. Alfred L. Suchs, of Wimpole-street, W., against Mr. Frederick Eastman, of Lausanne-road, Peckham, S.E., for injuries received by her in a motor-car collision on November 14, 1926.

The international golf match was recently won by England, who defeated Siam. Afterwards the King distributed the golf prizes won during the year. Several of these were won by Siamese ladies. The King, in the course of a humorous speech, confessed to his fondness for the game.

The death occurred on the 16th instant, at the Shanghai General Hospital of Capt. Ian Tullibardine Murray, a relative of the Duke of Atholl, and a captain in the employ of the Ningpo-Shaohsing Steamship Co. Capt. Murray, who was well known on the coast, leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

Never have the police made such a haul of gambling paraphernalia as at 5 Yates-road and 151 C Bubbling Well-road, Shanghai, as last Sunday afternoon, says the "N. C. D. News" to hand. Years ago the raid on the Alhambra yielded one wheel and that on the North Honan establishment one, which on examination proved to be fake; capable of being stopped unperceived at any point. There is nothing of this sort in the places raided on Sunday, but evidence enough that the gambling must have been a lucrative business. Seven different sorts of gaming tables were found in Yates-road and three in Bubbling Well-road.

That part of the docks of London known as the Wapping Basin was early one morning recently the scene of a fire which destroyed part of a building belonging to Harland and Wolff, Ltd., ship repairers and engineers, and used as a workshop. The fire occurred during a snow-storm. It was intensely cold and water from the hoses turned to icicles—some of them a foot long—when it fell on part of the burning building. Scores of men, women, and children wrapped in blankets left their homes in an adjacent street, as the flames threatened to spread. One gate at the docks had to be burst open, and Albert Chapman, a Port of London policeman, was injured in trying to climb over it. He was taken to London Hospital, but was able to go to his home after treatment. Lines of hose were run through an old burial ground and over the graves in the churchyard of St. John's Church.

Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, at the Junior Imperial League Conference at the Albert Hall, Kensington, S.W., said: "You do not go into politics for what you can get. You go there for what you can give and do." He suggested to them as a catchword, "We have got to make democracy safe for the world." Democracy was on trial. We had one immense advantage in having left to us the Crown. "You will never," he declared, "get that perfect democracy at which we aim until the whole people plays its part," and added: "If at home in Great Britain in working our democracy we fail, what then? Our failure would shake the fabric of the universe. Never in our history had people in other lands looked to us more than they did to-day to give the world an example of well-ordered political progress, of the way a great people could hold together after such a time as we had passed through.

Mr. Bert Hinkler, the Australian aviator, who flew alone from England to Australia, in the record time of 16½ days, made a spectacular appearance on his arrival in Sydney from Brisbane with his usual punctuality. He was met by an escort of aeroplanes a little north of Sydney and, following the line of the beflagged harbour, proceeded to the Mascot Aerodrome, where more than 100,000 people were waiting. He had an uproarious reception. After an official speech of welcome from Mr. Bavin, the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Hinkler paid a visit to the Governor, Sir Dudley De Chair, at Government House. He said that his flight was not a stunt, but a mission. He added: "My little machine is a triumph of British workmanship and enterprise. It has kept faith with me and the great world of aviation." Mr. Hinkler's machine, an Avro-Asian, with a Cirrus engine of only 30-36 h.p., made at Croydon, was designed for the "Daily Mail" light aeroplane competition two years ago. "It worked like a dream," said Mr. Hinkler on his arrival at Port Darwin on February 22. "It never gave a single miss."

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" covers all branches of activity in Hong Kong and South China. It is such a one that can be sent away to describe, in a good many respects, life in the Colony. Brimful of interest, this number of the "Overland" is also worth keeping handy for future reference. Subjects dealt with include the following:—

Opening of the Nationalist drive against Peking (with comment and footnotes to elucidate matters for non-Chinese). Marshal Li Chai-sun's return to Canton. Legislative Council business. Sanitary Board meeting.

Annual inspection of Police and Fire Brigade, Police Reserve, with presentations and H.E.'s address. Conclusion of visit of Japanese Fleet. Kowloon affairs. Piracy of another coastal steamer. Lobo v. Lee Hysan libel case judgment. Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals meeting. Several public company meetings.

In addition to the above, the "Overland," as usual, contains the week's local news, the Far Eastern cables, names of residents gone on leave, sports articles, wedding reports and obituary notices.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going home or leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

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VARSITY BOXING.

HOW CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

CINGALESE LIGHTWEIGHT.

Cambridge.—The annual boxing contest between Oxford and Cambridge, held in the Corn Exchange here, resulted in a win for the Light Blues by six events to one.

There are apparently no heavyweight boxers in either of the universities this year, for the first contest staged was between two bantam-weights, J. K. Alexander (Oxford) and B. W. Ormond (Cambridge).

Alexander, the winner, was much the more enterprising, but the bout on the whole, was a slow and rather a poor one.

The feather-weight contest between J. D. Broadbent (Oxford) and D. F. Gleed (Cambridge) was a stern affair. When the bell went Gleed charged from his corner and inflicted so much punishment that within a minute Broadbent was in obvious distress.

The Oxford representative was knocked down twice in the first round and three times in the second, and was so completely out-classed that after a total of four minutes the contest was stopped by the referee. Gleed's display did him the utmost credit.

Cambridge won the light-weight event by reason of the excellence of D. G. Obeyesekere, a Cingalese. His opponent, M. J. Bessell, was one of the most talented and rugged fighters of the match, but so superior was the Ceylon youth that in the final round it looked almost certain that Bessell would be knocked out. Few amateurs in England could hope to beat the Cingalese.

Hard Thumping.

In the welter-weight contest the decision given to J. Shackleton (Cambridge) could only have been by a very narrow margin.

Hard thumping distinguished the middle-weight contest, and the points victory of T. Wright (Cambridge) over D. A. Gilliat (Oxford) completed the evening for most of the spectators. Cambridge had then won the tournament by taking four of the seven events in succession. Results:

Bantam-weight.—J. K. Alexander (Oxford) beat B. W. Ormond (Cambridge) on points.

Feather-weight.—D. F. Gleed (Cambridge) beat J. D. Broadbent (Oxford) in the second round.

Light-weight.—D. G. Obeyesekere (Cambridge) beat M. J. Bessell (Oxford) on points.

Welter-weight.—J. Shackleton (Cambridge) beat J. W. Leaning (Oxford) on points.

Middle-weight.—T. Wright (Cambridge) beat D. A. Gilliat (Oxford) on points.

Light-heavy-weight.—B. R. Armitage (Cambridge) beat F. A. Richardson (Oxford) on points.

Heavyweight.—J. L. G. Well (Cambridge) beat B. J. Bevan (Oxford) in the second round.

LOCAL BOXING.

FINE PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

The Hong Kong Boxing Association will hold its final tournament at the Lee Theatre, Percival-street, on Saturday, April 28. The programme is as follows:

15 round light weight championship of the Colony and belt: Stoker Lake (H.M.S. "Durban") v. A. B. Davies (H.M.S. "Hermes").

10 round light-heavy weight contest: Marine Smith (H.M.S. "Hermes") v. A. B. Bromley (H.M.S. "Wishart").

6 round light weight contest: L. S. Hall (H.M.S. "Titania") v. A. B. Mudge (H.M.S. "Berwick").

6 round feather weight contest: Stoker Britt (H.M.S. "Durban") v. Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.).

6 round bantam weight contest: Stoker Walters (H.M.S. "Hermes") v. Edsman, McConnell (K.O.S.B.).

THE V.R.C.

NEW OFFICIALS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday, Mr. W. Logan presiding, the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. J. Cooke.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James Stewart.

General Committee: Messrs. W. Logan, A. Silva Neto, A. A. Alves, A. Anderson, G. Razavet, D. Lyon, P. W. Ramsay, P. A. Dixon, and J. R. Soares.

Balloting Committee: Messrs. C. Bond, A. Marcal, B. J. Moore, H.

RENE LACOSTE.

DOUBTFUL ABOUT WIMBLEDON.

ILLNESS EXPLAINED.



René Lacoste.

Paris.—René Lacoste, the famous lawn-tennis player, whose illness has led to alarming reports, has made clear his position and his plans.

He is not yet sure if he will compete at Wimbledon, but will do so if he is able.

Lacoste has had two months in bed, and although he is now able to get out he looks pale and far from well. He does not expect to

A BOOKMAKER?

TAX CLAIMED ON TOTALISATOR INVESTMENTS.

A ROBOT.

A test case raising the question whether a company owning a totalisator is a bookmaker within the meaning of Sections 16 and 18 of the Finance Act, 1926, came before Mr. Justice Rowlett in the King's Bench Division.

The Judge said he would give his decision. "It's a puzzling little point," he stated.

It arose on an information filed by the Attorney-General against the Luncheon and Sports Club, Ltd., the proprietors of the Stadium Club, of High Holborn.

The Attorney-general alleged that the company, which has a totalisator, is a club to register the wagering operations of members on horse racing, and comes within the definition of a bookmaker, and that a betting tax of 3½ per cent. on all investments made on the club totalisator is payable by it, since the Act came into force on November 1, 1926.

The Solicitor-general, Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., for the Crown, quoted the sections of the Finance Act applicable to the case. He said that the question for the Court was whether the money paid in respect of transactions recorded on a totalisator at the club was paid as bets which were subject to the betting duty.

"Bets."

Section 15 of the Act provided that duty should be paid on every bet made with a bookmaker.

The duty was payable by the bookmaker who, under section 18, was described as—

"Any person who, whether on his own account or as servant or agent of any other person, carries on, whether occasionally or regularly, the business of receiving or negotiating bets, or who in any manner holds himself out, permits himself to be held out, in any manner as a person who receives or negotiates bets."

Section 18 described the expression "bet" as meaning "a bet on any event of any kind."

The Act, said the Solicitor-General, provided that a duty was to be levied and paid on every bet made with a bookmaker. The question arose whether a bet was made, whether the defendants were bookmakers, and whether a bet was made with a bookmaker.

"I hope your lordship will understand the working of this totalisator machine," remarked Sir Thomas Inskip, "because I myself am not very sure that I understand very much about it, even after the full instructions I have received."

Sir Thomas Inskip explained the organisation of the club, stating that the members were elected in the ordinary way, but their election was subject to confirmation by the company. At one end of the great hall of the club was the totalisator and the pari-mutuel. The gallery was used for the purposes of a restaurant and the floor of the hall as a boxing ring. The totalisator was a mechanical apparatus and was purely automatic. It was used on big race days, such as the Derby. The pari-mutuel was worked on exactly the same principle, except that it was operated by

hand. It was merely a blackboard with figures.

SOCCER TRANSFERS.

CHAMBERS JOINS THE ALBION.

INTERNATIONAL FORWARD.

Harry Chambers, the famous Liverpool forward was transferred to West Bromwich Albion. Chambers has played for England at inside-left and at centre-forward. His last game for England was against Ireland in 1924. Liverpool have played Chambers at centre-half in their last two matches.

Liverpool completed negotiations with St. Johnstone for the transfer of McBain, the Scottish club's half-back. The fee is stated to have been in the neighbourhood of £3,000. McBain has played for Everton, Manchester United, and Ayr United.

Gillingham have transferred S. Meston, their outside right, to Everton, the northern club transferring G. Dominy, an inside right, to Gillingham.

Amos Dee, a half-back, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, has also been transferred to Gillingham.

PEER'S HEIR.
SENT TO PRISON AFTER JEWELLERY THEFT.

DO YOU KNOW?

Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. An artificial person is a body of persons which has a corporate existence, e.g., a trading company, and has rights and liabilities similar to those of a private individual.

2. Allspice is berry of pimento, tree of West Indies; it is supposed to combine the flavours of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves.

3. The London Hospital is the largest in England.

4. U.S.A. were last at war with Great Britain 1812-1814.

5. King Edward VII. was Prince of Wales longer than any other sovereign.

6. Achilles statue, Hyde Park, London, was erected in honour of the Duke of Wellington.

AFTER DRINKING BOUT.

The Hon. Lawrence Palk, 32, son and heir of Lord Haldon, was sent to prison for two months' hard labour by the Tottenham magistrates of stealing twenty-five rings, valued at £50, and other jewellery of the value of £20.

He was described as a shop assistant, of no fixed address, and the jewellery was the property of his employer, Mrs. Jenny Bayres, of High-road, Tottenham.

Evidence given at a previous hearing was that Mr. and Mrs. Bayres, at the request of Lady Haldon took the prisoner in on January 16 with the intention of teaching him the watchmaking trade. On February 11 he went out, stating that he was going to see his mother, and later the jeweller was missed.

Subsequently Palk gave himself up at St. Anne's-road Police Station, and expressed his regret for what he had done. He said he wished to make amends.

He had been under demand for a week for medical examination, and a certificate was now presented to the magistrates which stated that no evidence had been found of insanity or mental defect.

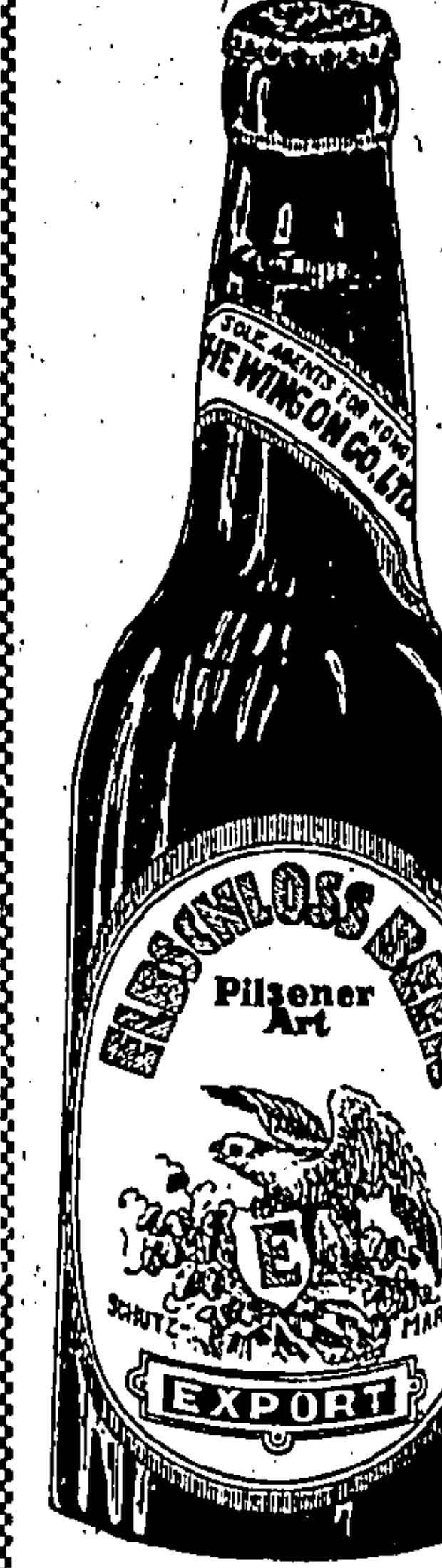
Mr. G. Shaw, a retired tobacconist, of Fetter-lane, said he had known the prisoner's family for some time. Mr. Palk always committed these offences when under the influence of drink. If the magistrates would give him another chance he (Mr. Shaw) and Mr. Bayres, who was willing to take him back, would watch over him.

EQUAL STRATUS.

INDEPENDENT POLICY FOR CANADA.

Paris.—The Academie Diplomatique Internationale has concluded its first year of existence, and the second was opened by an interesting meeting held at its headquarters in the Maison Franco-Américaine, in the Avenue Victor Emmanuel.

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| Chartered Bank | £21 b |
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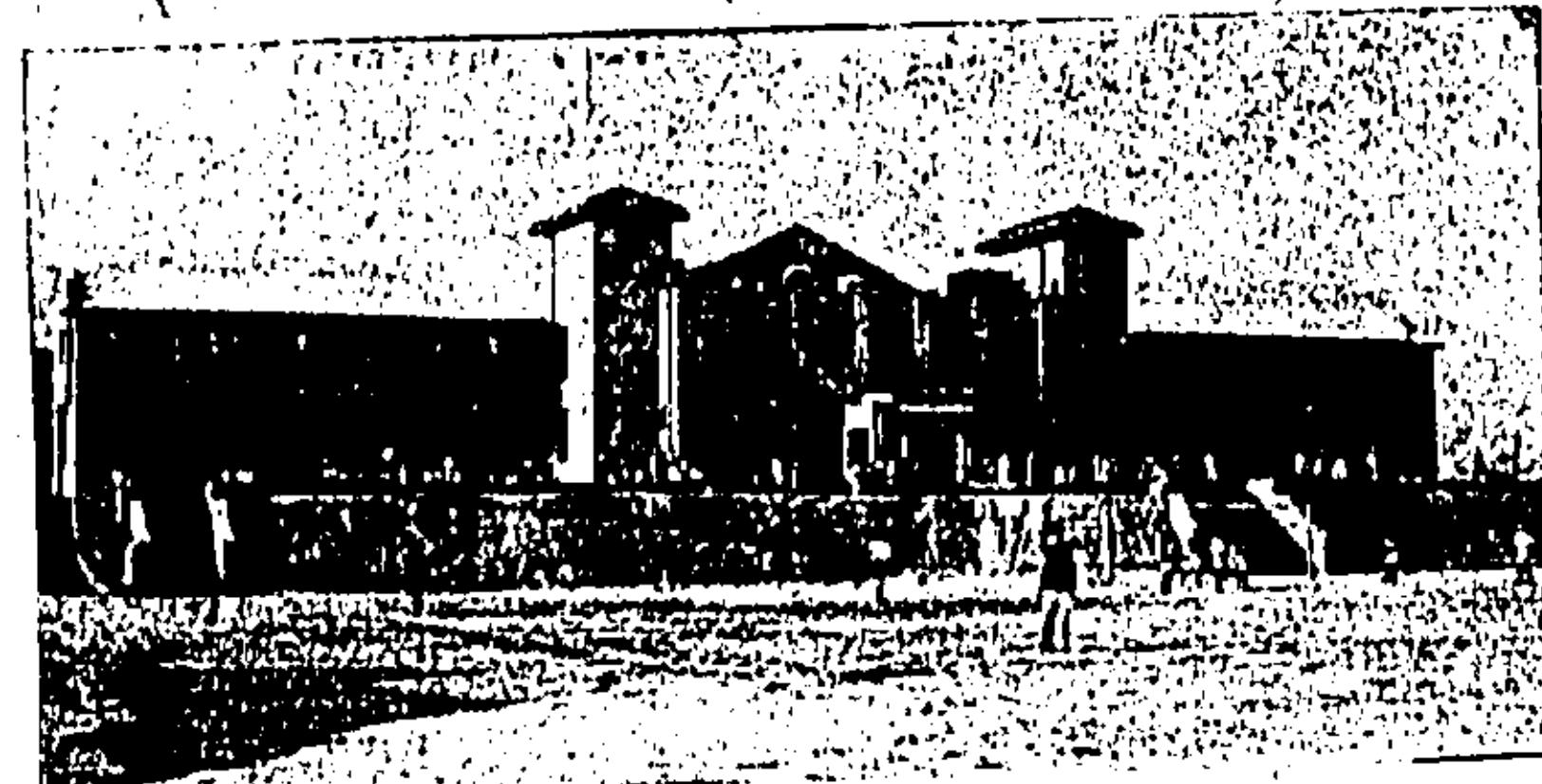
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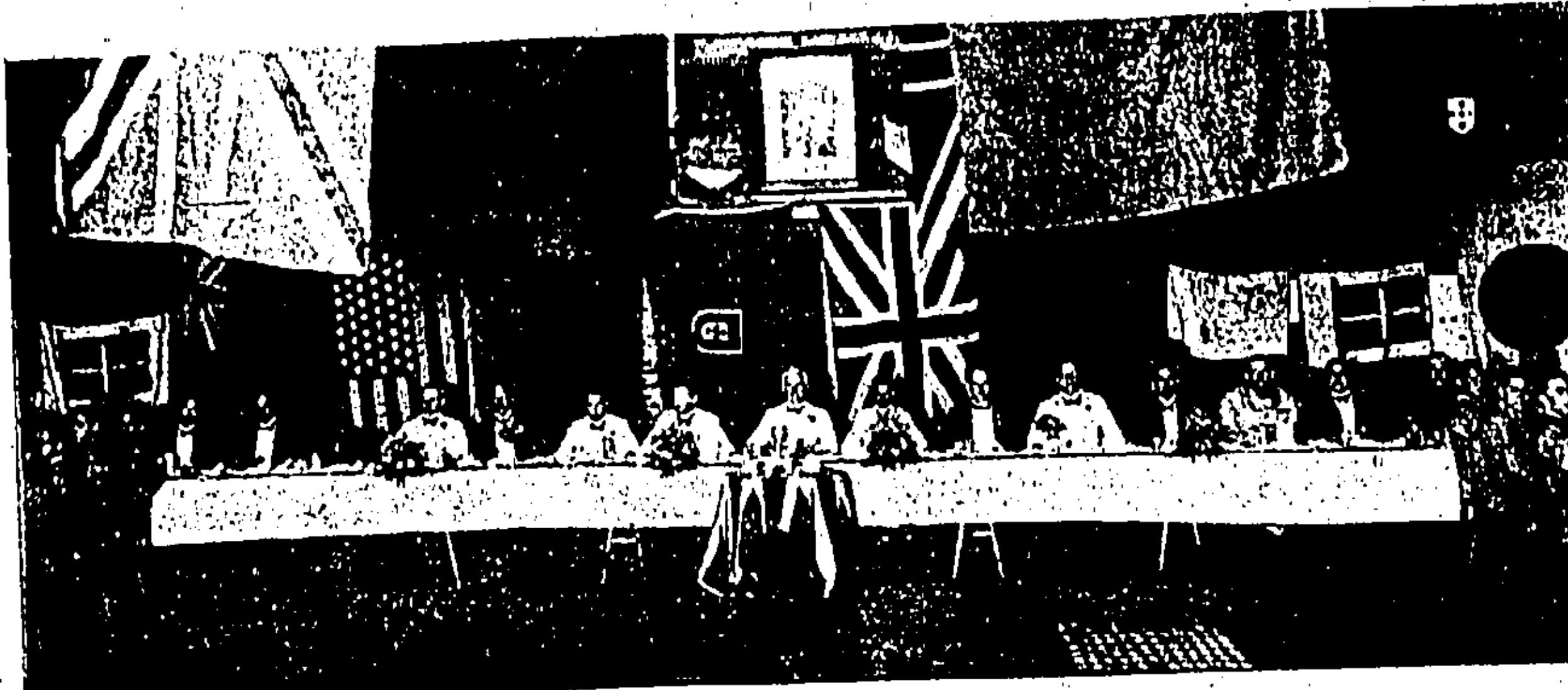
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THE WEEK'S NEWS IN PICTURES.



NEW DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HOMUNTIN.—Here a very successful "At Home" was held last Saturday afternoon, over 800 guests attending in response to the invitation of the Headmaster, Mr. Featherstone. Our picture gives a good idea of the spaciousness of the new building, with a part of the sports ground in the foreground. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



PORUGUESE COMPANY, H.K.V.D.C. — The Members of this Company, the "baby" unit of the Corps, are here seen at their first dinner, held last Saturday at the Volunteer Headquarters. Seated at the main table are, among others, Lieut.-Col. Bird, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the H.K.V.D.C., Captain F. Leitao, Officer Commanding the Portuguese Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corps, Major Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., Adjutant, Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., commanding the Portuguese Company, and Lt. Norrie Owen. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



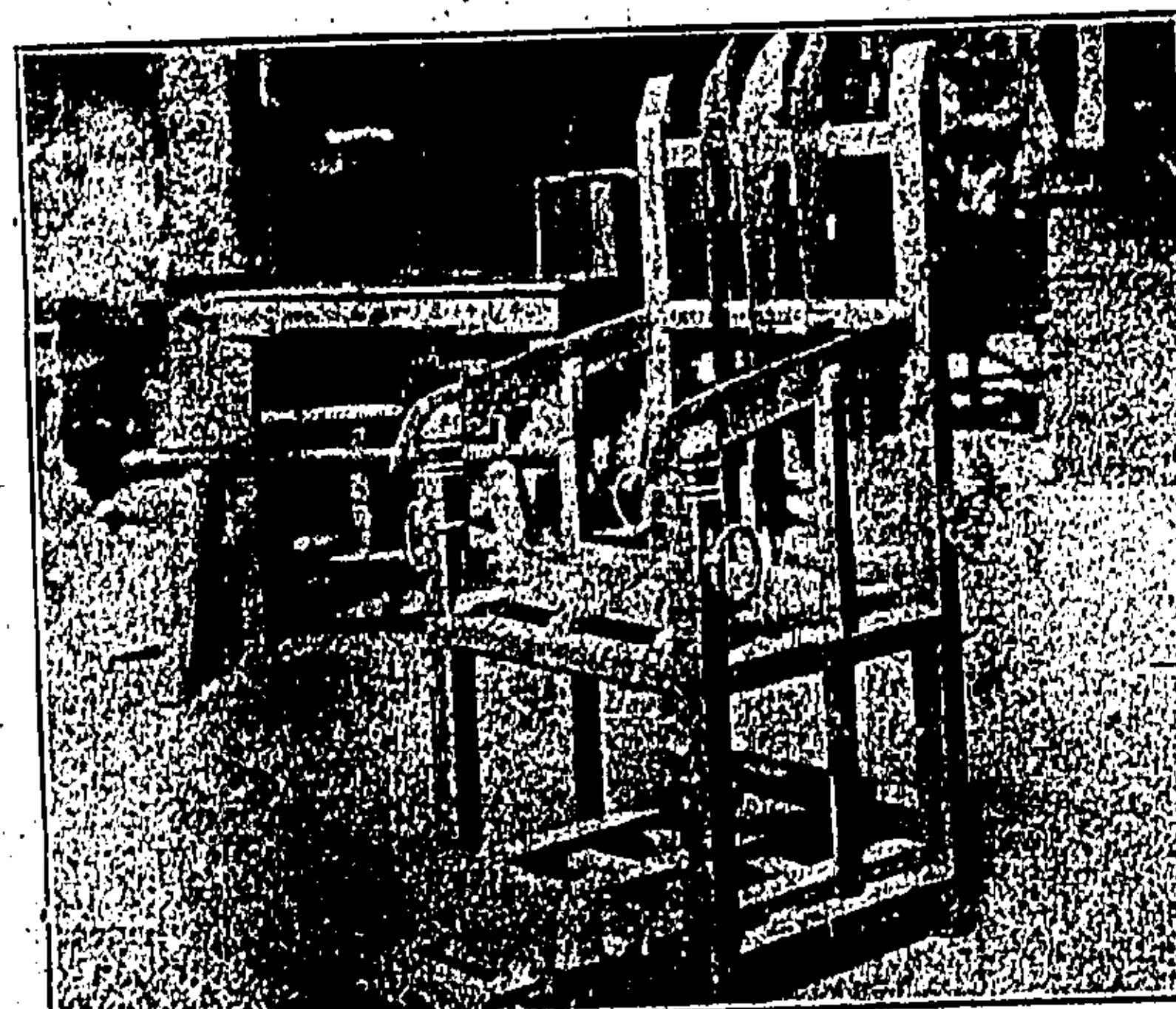
GOVERNOR INSPECTS POLICE.—H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) during the week inspected the Hong Kong Police Force as well as the Police Reserve, including the newly-formed Company of Sharpshooters. His Excellency is here seen presenting medals to a selected body of the Force. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, is standing in front of the recipients. (Photo: A. Fong.)



REMEDIOS — MONTALTO de JESUS.—A wedding of particular interest to the Portuguese community was that of Mr. Hermilio H. dos Remedios to Miss Lucilla Montalto de Jesus, which took place on Sunday at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Included in the group are Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee and Mr. P. M. N. da Silva, and the following attendants on the bride.—The Misses Ellaline Osmund, Pacita Montalto de Jesus, Marie Eca da Silva, Carmen Xavier, Sylvia Remedios and Edith and Laura Nolasco da Silva. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



FERGUSON—FERGUSON.—The wedding of Miss L. Ferguson and Mr. J. C. Ferguson took place on April 11 at Union Church. Mrs. Lily H. Urquhart was Matron of Honour.



RARE "JOSS" CHAIR.—Many Chinese have this week paid tribute at a famous temple at Shaukiwan in which is this rare chair with the back, arm-rests, etc., made of swords. The "joss" chair is carried about in this chair when processions are held.



"SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP.—One of the principal trophies of the local soccer season which practically closed yesterday, won by Scotland.



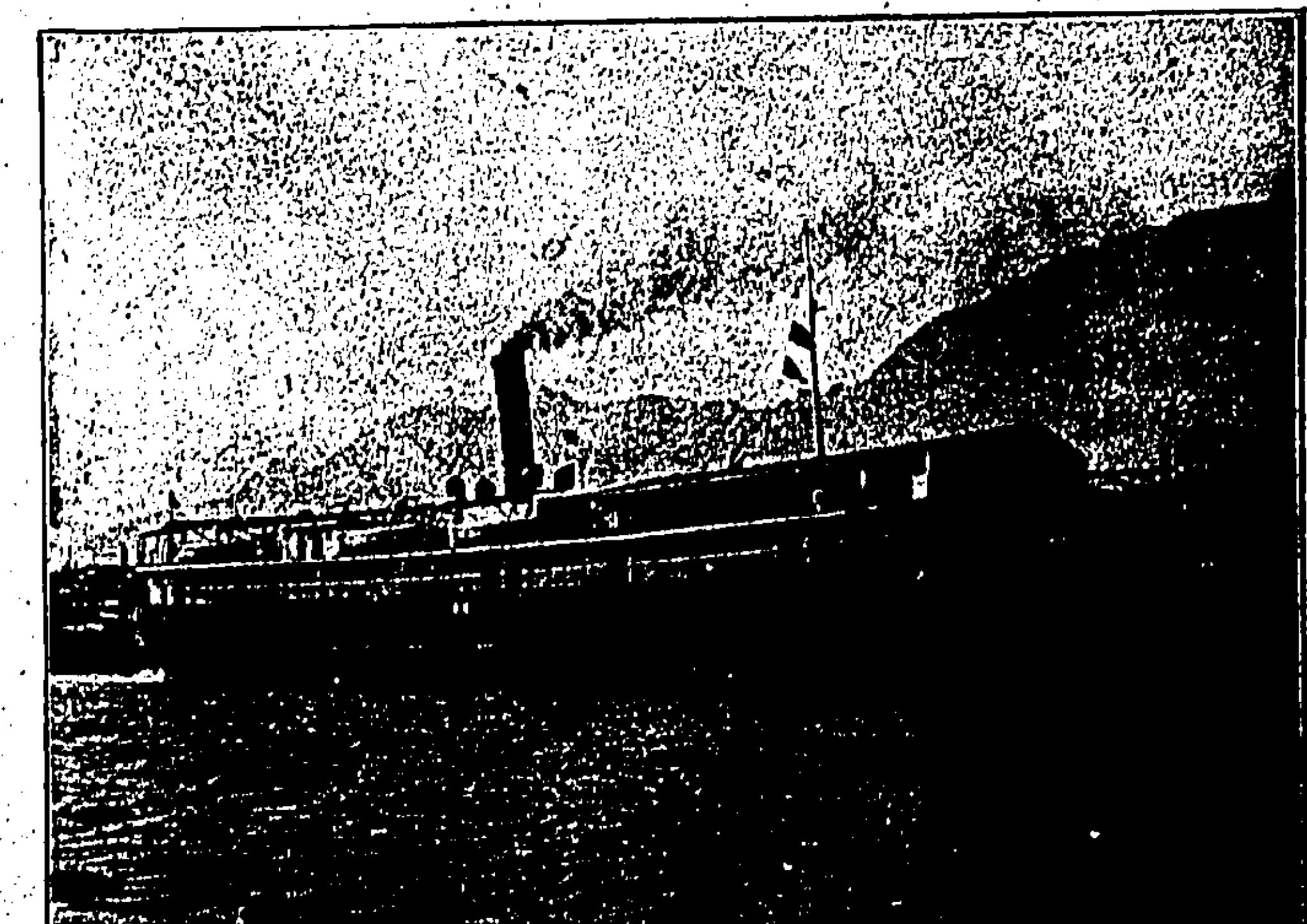
FOX—HAMSON.—The wedding of Mr. Henry Leslie Fox and Miss Constance Bird Hamson at St. John's Cathedral last Saturday was attended by large numbers of the younger community of which the bride and bridegroom are popular members. Among those in the picture are Mr. R. H. Hamson, father of the bride, Mr. G. Kelly, Best Man, Miss E. Fox, sister of the bridegroom, and the Rev. N. V. Halward who officiated. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.—The senior unofficial member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils, Hong Kong, whose questions to the Government have attracted wide attention.



GARDNER—FOLLETT.—Mr. H. E. Gardner, the well-known local singer, is here seen with his bride, Miss M. P. Follett, on the occasion of their wedding at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday last. Among the friends in the group are Mr. G. H. Bell, Manager of the P. & O. Bank in which the bridegroom is employed, Mr. A. J. Bird, of the Chartered Bank, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Dunbar, also Miss Irene Butler, Master Oliver Womack and the Misses Jacky and Jill Hargreaves-Browne. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



EXCURSION STEAMER.—The Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. "Excursion Steamer" is making weekly excursion trips to Macao to-day. How many Hong Kongites have to thank this ship for a pleasant week-end?



MR. B. TANNER.—Predecessor of Mr. A. H. Crook as Headmaster of Queen's College. Although Mr. Tanner has retired, he was "toasted" at the eighth annual dinner of the Old Boys' Association, the proposer being Mr. W. May, the present Second Master.

THE BISHOP OF VICTORIA.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Dupuy, D.D., who left for Shanghai this week to attend the sixth synod of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui.

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The first of Lord Ronaldshay's
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able, but never ponderous, detail
Lord Curzon's career from infancy
to the eve of his departure for
India as Viceroy at the age of
thirty-nine. It reveals a man of
exceptional gifts and amazing in-
dustry, who lived abundantly, and
bubbled over with animal spirits,
danced, joked, did all those things
which high-spirited youth in love
with life and with a consuming
passion for laughter insists on do-
ing the whole world over.

The curvature of the spine which
attacked him on leaving Eton, and
caused him life-long suffering, ex-
plains to some extent the abnormal
sensitiveness which his mask of
hauteur and reserve hid from all
but his closest friends. He was
emotional and highly strung:

At a dinner at Bombay, given by
the then Governor, Lord Laming-
ton, to welcome him on his return
to take up for a second time the
tolls and responsibilities of the
Viceroyalty, he rose to respond to
the toast of his health, and that of
Lady Curzon, too ill, unhappily, to
accompany him from England.
Overcome by a sudden wave of
emotion, induced by the proposer's
kindly reference to this misfor-
tune, he stood for some moments
choking with sobs, unable to utter
but the opening sentences of
his reply.

Great Letter Writer.

His, in fact, was a character as
different from the usual conception
of a "superior person" as any could
well be.

Early in life he acquired a taste
for letter writing, and throughout
his career maintained a tremen-
dous and unceasing output from his
pen—much of it work of trifling
importance which should obvious-
ly have been delegated to someone
else.

He gave to the engaing of a ser-
vant the same exhaustive study
that he brought to bear upon a
problem of international diplo-
macy. The Concert of Europe
might be riven asunder... but
George Curzon would still be found
nonchalantly directing the daily
working of his household.

When about to leave for India
he undertook to find a suitable
nurse for his children, and des-
cribed his interview with one of
the applicants in a nine-page letter
to Lady Curzon:

... She is not in the least like
a nurse, but exactly like an in-
dgent lady placed in charge of
children with practical and sci-
entific knowledge in which indigent
persons are usually deficient.

Then followed some doubts wheth-
er she was intimate with the life,
clothing, and education of young
children—"All these are rudimen-
taries, however, which the mean-
est intelligence should acquire."
And so on for three or four more
pages.

Tenderness And Delicacy.

Lord Ronaldshay reveals that for
two years Lord Curzon and Miss
Leiter, afterwards the first Lady
Curzon, were secretly engaged. His
letters bearing on this romance,
unsuspected by even his closest
friends, show a nature of great
tenderness and delicacy.

This is a thoroughly interesting
biography despite its excessive
length, but it would have been the
tivelier for compression.

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finished a novel which Cassell will
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Love."

CHUNG HUA."

MONTHLY OF THE CHINA
CLUB, SEATTLE.

The "China Mail" has received the
first number of "Chung Hua," a
monthly journal published by the
China Club, of Seattle, "in the in-
terest of friendly relations between
the peoples of China and the United
States and of a more perfect
mutual understanding of their
ideals and civilisation."

The Hon. Alfred Sao-ka Sze, the
Chinese Minister at Washington
sends words of greeting and Dr.
Henry T. Hodgkin contributes an
article entitled "Can We Under-
stand China?"

The China Club of Seattle has
been in existence for ten years.

LORD OXFORD'S BOOK.

Publication in
September.

Shortly before his death the Earl
of Oxford and Asquith completed the
reminiscences upon which he
had been working for two years,
and the book will be published in
two volumes by Cassell's on Sep-
tember 6.

The book is a complete record
of Lord Oxford's life and career,
and is entitled "Memories and Re-
flection: 1862-1927." He has in-
cluded a number of important let-
ters dealing with the war and
other matters, which throw a new
light upon many controversial
points. There is also some
material from a private diary.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Emerald Trails—by Jackson
Gregory—Hodder and Stoughton
(7/6).

The One Girl in a Million by
Louise Tracy—Hodder and Stoughton
(7/6).

The Man Who Laughed—by
Gerard Fairlie—Hodder and
Stoughton (7/6).

Report on the Chinese Post
Office—Directorate-General of
Posts, Shanghai. (Without map
\$0.50; with map \$1.50).

AMDASSADOR AND PRINCE.

One hears that Lord D'Abernon
is writing an account of his very
notable embassy to Germany, and
that he hopes to have it ready for
the autumn with Hodder and
Stoughton. We shall also soon
have a volume from Hutchinson
which touches on important Euro-
pean affairs, the author being
Prince Nicholas of Greece, who has
already written his personal re-
miniscences. It will be called
"Political Memoirs."

A FAMOUS EMPRESS.

We are to get a new series of
letters by the Empress Catherine of
Russia, most of which were addressed
to an Englishman. This was Sir
Charles Hanbury-Williams, who was
the Ambassador at the Russian
Court in the fatal year 1766. He
was devoted to Catherine, but her
warmest affections were given to
his protege and secretary, Count
Poniatowski, and the collection con-
tains letters to him also. Lord
Lichester and Mrs. Langford-Brooke
edit the correspondence, which
Thornton Butterworth will publish.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

Students of modern political his-
tory know that, since the war, the
German Foreign Office has pub-
lished over forty volumes of the diplo-
matic correspondence of the Ger-
man Government with the Powers
of Europe. Mr. E. T. S. Dugdale
makes a selection, dealing mainly
with Anglo-German affairs, of this
mass of material, for a work which
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It will run to more than one volume,
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IN NAPOLEON'S
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Waters. (Murray, 18s.)

General Waters's new book is as
good as its predecessor, which
means that it is very good indeed,
lively, interesting, and packed with
entertaining anecdotes from cover
to cover. He was a favourite of
the ex-Kaiser and has much that
is friendly to say of that Sovereign.

The German Crown Prince gets
no praise.

With scant knowledge of public
affairs he became strongly pro-
militaristic, was impotent of control,
greatly lacking in mental vision
and stolidness of character. His
upbringing was not calculated to
strengthen his character, and the
same remark applies to his bro-
thers, except perhaps Prince Adal-
bert.

So strictly were these un-
fortunate princes brought up that
they were kept extraordinarily
short of money.

The Crown Prince's purse before
his marriage in 1905 was so small
at least its contents were—that
the only possible way by which he
could gratify his desire to give a
present might be by parting with
something from his own personal
belongings.

General Waters tells us that he
got on well with the Germans as
British Military Attaché, and per-
haps because of this he shows a
distinct German bias.

My relations with the German
authorities were always pleasant
and straightforward... They
were open-handed, and presented
me from time to time with samples
of their service powder, cartridges,
field glasses, and other articles of
equipment which we should have
been very glad to obtain on pay-
ment.

Glow of 500 Ghosts.

He had an opportunity of examining
closely Napoleon's clothes,
which were captured after Waterloo
by Blucher's Hussars in
Napoleon's carriage. This car-
riage Count Lothair Blucher, a de-
scendant of the old Prussian sol-
dier, wished to give to King
Edward VII on his coronation, and
was only prevented from doing so
by the ex-Kaiser's displeasure.

I tried on the tunic, the author
says, which fitted me more or less
in the arms and back but would
have taken two of me in the chest;
the neck was so enormous that the
front part of the coat went straight
out from it.

It was at Count Lothair's castle
that the general saw during the
night a rosy glow which practi-
cally filled the room and gradually
disappeared. His wife also saw it,
and they were afterwards told that
the glow proceeded from the
ghosts of 600 Brandenburgers who
had been massacred there in the
Thirty Years' War.

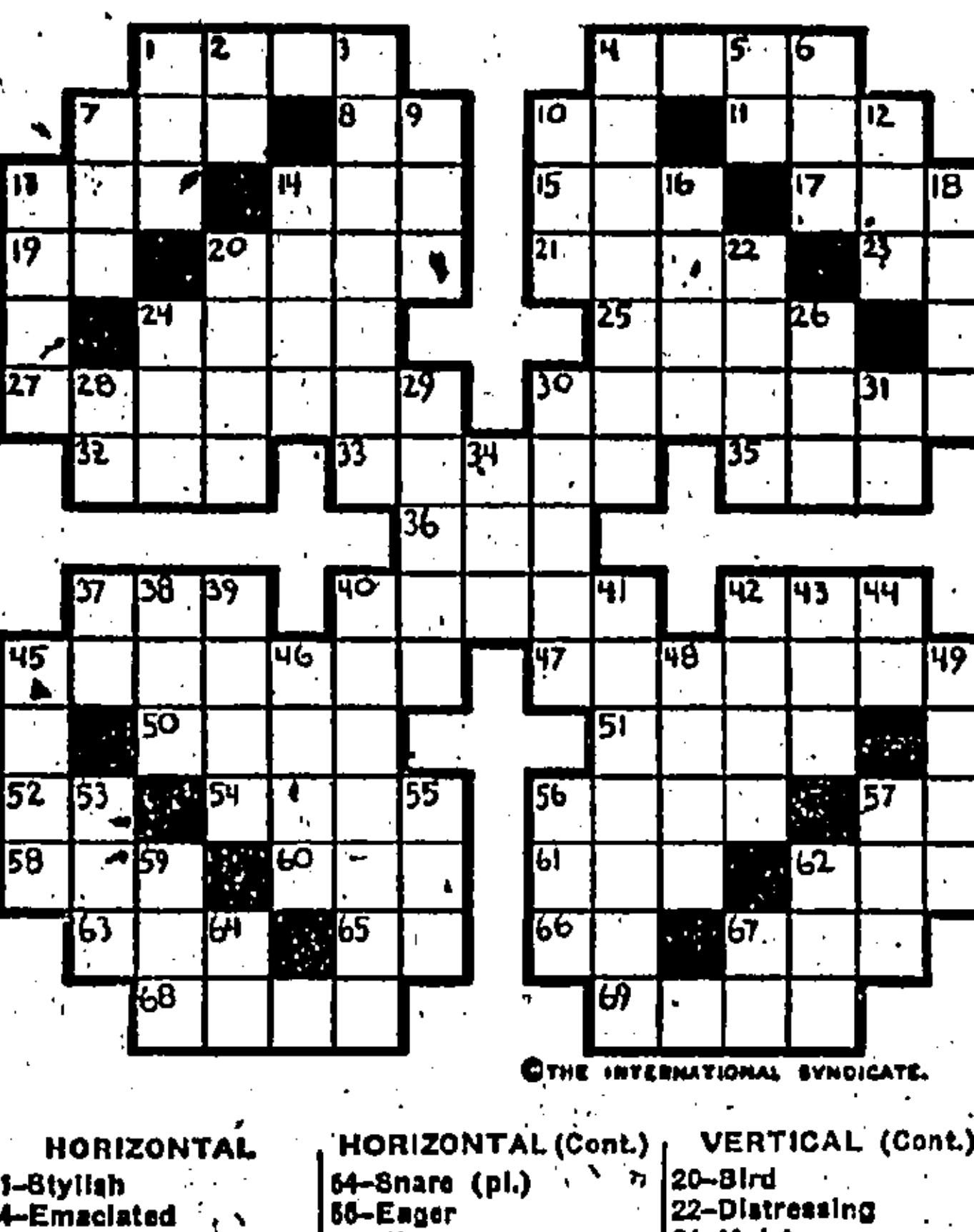
Some of the public may remember
King Edward's little terrier
Cesar, which was so pathetic a
figure at the funeral. The dog
was apparently not kept in strict
order. When the late King was
discussing the treatment of the
foreign military delegations at his
coronation:

The terrier jumped on to his
writing-table. As ill-luck would
have it, he upset the inkpot not
only over the list which his
Majesty had just drawn up, so that
a fresh one had to be made, but
over the royal hand as well. All
true dog lovers find it hard to scold
them for accidents, and the King
merely said: "Oh, that was very
naughty."

But Gentlemen Marry Brunette,
Mrs. Anita Loos's successor to
"Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," will
appear early in the spring.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HENRIK IBSEN.

DRAMATIST'S DEBT TO HIS WIFE.
HIS CENTENARY.

By Bergliot Ibsen, daughter-in-law of Henrik Ibsen, and daughter of the famous Norwegian novelist, Bjornsterne Bjornson.

Now that Henrik Ibsen's centenary is about to be celebrated, I feel a desire to say a few words about the woman who meant so exceedingly much to him. He himself once said to me, "I could never have done without her greatness."

She was a gigantic personality. The fear of man was not in her. Compromise was abhorrent to her nature. I have never known a firmer character. She was a curious mixture of self-confidence and self-forgetfulness, on the one hand dictatorial and obstinate, on the other quite devoid of vanity. She hated publicity and consistently avoided making a show of herself. It was enough for her to know what she had been to her husband. That is the reason why the public know so little about her and the influence she exerted over him.

Though producing no literary work herself, she had a special gift for stimulating others. And what a splendid listener she was! She possessed an ardent enthusiasm which was enough to inspire any artist. What wonderful tales she herself could tell! There was a fund of imagination in them which I shall never forget.

Sound Literary Judgment.

Ibsen had a high opinion of her literary judgment, and read his plays to her act by act as he finished them. To me he once said, "She and Sigurd are the only persons whose judgment I value." And they were, in fact, the only persons with whom he spoke without reserve and for whom he really cared.

Even in her childhood she had a passion for books. I think she would have made a splendid librarian. She and my mother were friends as children, and they used to sit on a sofa, back to back, devouring novels. She was very widely read, and often she called Ibsen's attention to works he would not have become acquainted with but for her.

At first he had no sympathy with the emancipation of women, whereas she was all flame with enthusiasm, after having read Stuart Mill's "The Subjection of Women," and it was she who little by little converted him to the idea by her influence through the years. The result is already apparent in "Pillars of Society," and with even greater plainness in "A Doll's House."

In the poem "Tak" (Thanks), included in his collected poems, he has expressed what she meant to him, and two of its stanzas are inscribed on her tombstone. He showed it her smilingly, saying, "Do you know to whom this was written?" Read the title backwards." Kat was the pet name he gave her when they were young.

Love at First Sight.

They first met at an evening party in her home at Dean Thoresen's. That same night he wrote a poem to her saying that if she would accompany him through life, he might do great things in the world. While they were engaged, he sent her several poems, but they have not been preserved.

She destroyed them shortly before her death, for she thought that "the relations between us do not concern anybody."

At that very time "Fru Inger til Ostraaft" was first produced at Bergen. He said to her, "Now you are Eline, but one day you will be Fru Inger." Twenty years after the German edition of the play was published and he made her a present of a copy which the following dedication:

To this book you have the sole right of proprietorship.

For you are indeed descended from the race of the Ostraafts. He did not draw her portrait in any of the figures he subsequently created, but he repeatedly used traits and phrases characteristic of her. Those who were intimate with her could easily recognise them in Lone Hessel, in Nora, in Fru Alving.

She was very peculiar. For instance, on his seventieth birthday the theatre invited them to a gala performance, and she answered, "One box for my husband, and one for myself. Ibsen must sit by himself." On the same occasion a torchlight procession marched up in front of the house. I can still see him going up to her with his little tripping gait, saying, "Won't you come to the window with me?" and hear her answer, "No, you must stand there alone."

Animated Discussions.

I have never in any place heard such animated discussions as at the house of my parents-in-law. A rule they were about literature, but sometimes about history, friend, story, etc.

HOTEL EVIDENCE.

JUDGES ON DOUBTFUL DIVORCE EVIDENCE.

MECHANICAL CASES.

Mrs. Annie Feitelson, of Hewitt-road, Belsize-park, N.W., petitioned for a decree nisi for the dissolution of her marriage with Mr. Adolf Feitelson of Upper Brook-street, Mayfair, who was found guilty of the manslaughter of Mrs. Elsie Alice Goldsmith, 21, the wife of a former Paymaster-Commander in the Navy, of Gordon-square, W.C. Evidence was given at the trial that Mrs. Goldsmith, a bride of only ten weeks, feared motherhood. She died in the consulting-room at Palmer's establishment on November 21. The defence was that she went there for electrical treatment, but the jury found that she died as the result of an illegal operation.

YOUNG BRIDE.

THE SENTENCE ON PALMER.

7 YEAR'S P.S.

A sentence of seven years' penal servitude was passed by the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) at the Old Bailey on Charles Jackson Palmer, 59, medical electrician, of Upper Brook-street, Mayfair, who was found guilty of the manslaughter of Mrs. Elsie Alice Goldsmith, 21, the wife of a former Paymaster-Commander in the Navy, of Gordon-square, W.C. Evidence was given at the trial that Mrs. Goldsmith, a bride of only ten weeks, feared motherhood. She died in the consulting-room at Palmer's establishment on November 21. The defence was that she went there for electrical treatment, but the jury found that she died as the result of an illegal operation.

According to the police, Palmer

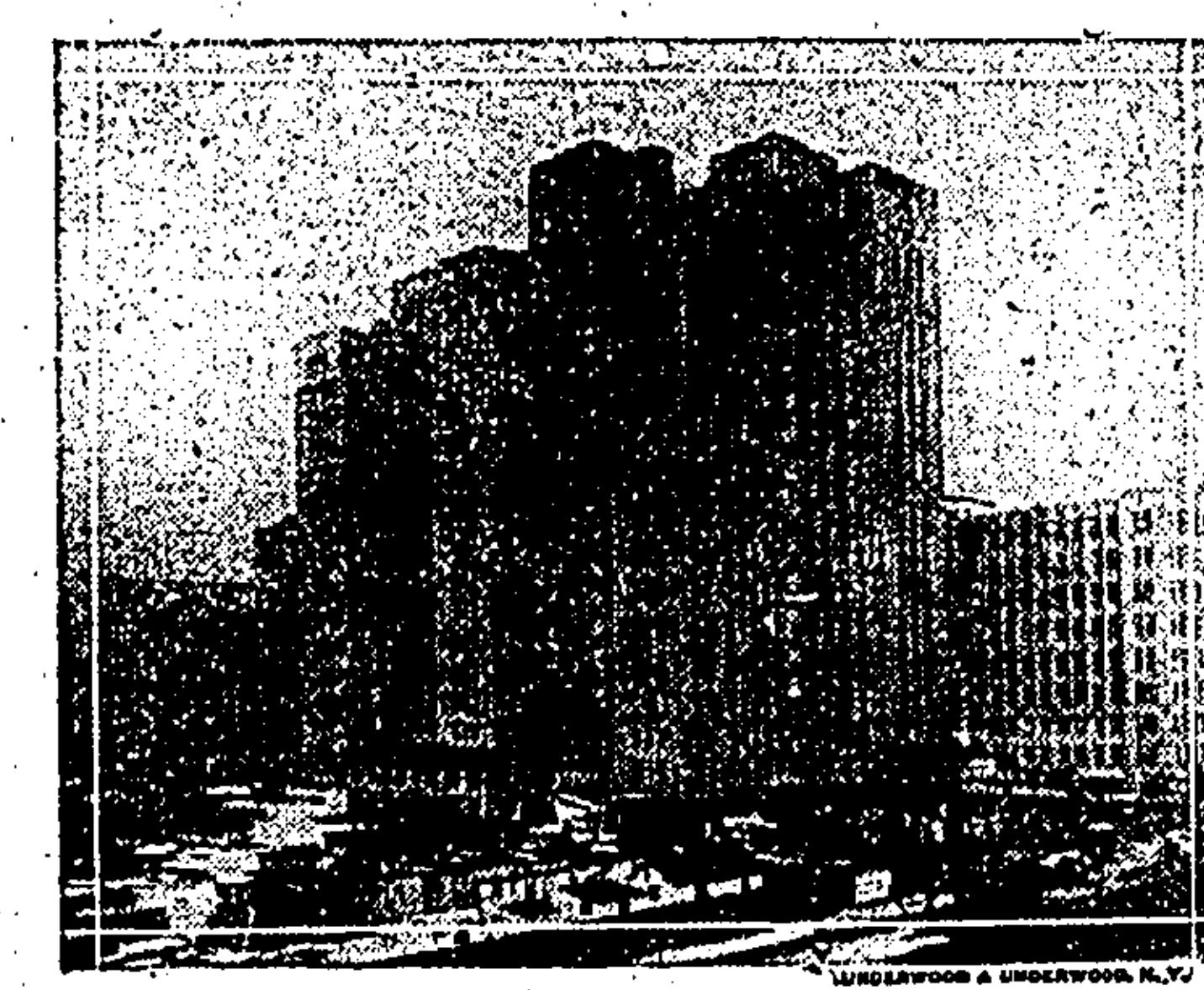
BRIGHTER SUNDAY.

THE NEW DINNER-CONCERTS IN LONDON.

HOTEL ATTRACTIONS.

Sunday night, formerly the dullest of the week in London, has become one of the most attractive. This is owing to the campaign of the directors of the great West End hotels to make bright what previously was notorious for its atmosphere of lonely boredom.

Some hotels have instituted dinners at which table decorations are unusually attractive; others give expensive souvenirs to the women guests. The directors of the May Fair Hotel have gone to greater lengths in the case of this Brighter Sunday movement, and have instituted a series of first-class concerts following an unusually good dinner. Signor Tito Schipa, the tenor, sang from his extensive repertoire to a brilliant audience.



New York.—A general view of the largest collection of hospitals and training schools in the world, the new Medical Centre, which, when completed, will cover an area of 20 acres on Washington Heights.

and politics. I recollect that sometimes during a discussion at table they would grow furious. And then, in the middle of the worst tumult of emotions, you could hear her say in the kindest voice, "Please pass me the bread, Ibsen," with which request he complied with equal amiability. But no sooner had this been done than the heated conversation was resumed.

She often told me about the time when they were young and had to live on very plain fare. When Ibsen wrote "Brand" while staying at Aricia, they had nothing but dry bread and grapes for supper. Their dinner she cooked in a tavern, where she was allowed a corner of the kitchen range. She was a splendid cook, and he was so fond of the food she made that she had to cook for him till his death.

"Brand" was posted, and now they waited in suspense for the answer from Glyndebourne. "We had to wait for months," she said, "for Hegel was not sure that the play was good enough."

Industry and Frugality.

Then the Storthing granted him a poet's pension of 1,600 kroner, and both he and she wondered how on earth they were to spend all that money. In the course of time he made a modest fortune—though rich, as people thought he was, he never became. However, the making of this fortune was not his work alone, she helped him by her industry and frugality and the work of a lifetime. Even up to his fiftieth year they always travelled third class. He did not like it, but she had her way on this point.

When she grew older she suffered much from rheumatism, was often in great pain, and could hardly walk. For fourteen long years she was tied to her apartment in Arbinsgate. But she never complained, gave no sign of her sufferings, and cut you short when you inquired about her health. Once, for instance, a lady called who advised her to go into the country, as she thought she needed a change of air. I cannot help laughing when I think of the way she cut short her good advice. For she answered with the greatest composure, "I have in my time lived so much in the Alps, and have had so much fresh air there, that now I need no more."

It was a great grief to her that she could not go to Ibsen's grave. I know she tried to go there one day, but could not get down stairs for pain. To me she only said that my doubt she would go there one day, but not until she went for good.

During his illness Ibsen lived in continual anxiety lest she should die first. He said, "If you die before me, I shall die five minutes after." His last words to her the night before he died were, "How sweet and good you have been to me!"

Two days before her death she said to me with difficulty, "When we were young, many so-called friends came to see Ibsen, but I got rid of them." And, after a pause, "I was much abused for it, but I did not care; he had to have peace for his work."

Once she said, "I have never lain ill in bed one single day, and I will not die there either. I will die sitting or standing and she did die sitting in her armchair, 73 years old, and I lost my best

SPANISH OIL.

KING ALFONSO AND OIL FIRMS.

PROMISES FAIR PLAY.

BRITISH AVIATION.

GIANT MONOPLANE'S GREATEST WING SPAN.

RECENT TRIALS.

H.M. King Alfonso in the course of a conversation which he had with the French Ambassador some days before had not upheld the arbitrary procedure followed by the Spanish Administration in expounding, without simultaneous compensation, and without even proper valuation, the French oil companies, under the new Monopoly legislation. His Majesty expressed the assurance that justice would be done to the companies in question.

It would now appear (says the "Daily Telegraph") Madrid correspondent) that the Spanish ruler's intervention, coupled with the vigorous protests of Paris and Washington, has not been without some influence on the Spanish Cabinet's attitude. Indeed, a slight improvement in the situation is now reported. For General Primo de Rivera has promised that the Central Valuation Commission will act in a judicial spirit, and that the protests and submissions of the representatives of the foreign companies will be duly incorporated in the minutes of the Commission's proceedings.

Following upon this promise by the head of the Spanish Government, the French and American companies are instructing their delegates, whom they had previously withdrawn from the Valuation Commission, to participate once more in its labours. This, however, is on the understanding that General Primo de Rivera's assurance may be taken to cover the "industrial value" of the expropriated establishments as going concerns. Some doubt still persists, however, as to whether Spanish officialdom will, in practice, be found to have adopted the same view, which differs so widely from its previous attitude.

British Firms' Position.

So far as can be ascertained, the British companies similarly affected are disinclined to allow their representatives to take their seats on the Commission unless and until they receive absolute assurances that the "industrial value" of the expropriated establishments will be reckoned in their right to compensation. British diplomacy still refrains from supporting British interests by action as energetic as that employed by the Quai D'Orsay and the State Department in defence of their respective nationalities.

On the other hand, gratification is expressed in both British diplomatic and business circles at the sympathetic manner in which M. Briand and the French Government have received the recent British representations on the subject of the proposed French legislation (and notably the Charlot Bill) to restrict the future importing activities of British and other foreign oil companies in France.

The French refiners as a whole would favour the extreme measures advocated in the Charlot Bill against foreign importers. But the French group associated with the British and American groups for the working of the Mosul oilfields pointed out to the French Government that their own position in the Turkish Petroleum Company would become exceedingly difficult if their partners were unfairly treated in France.

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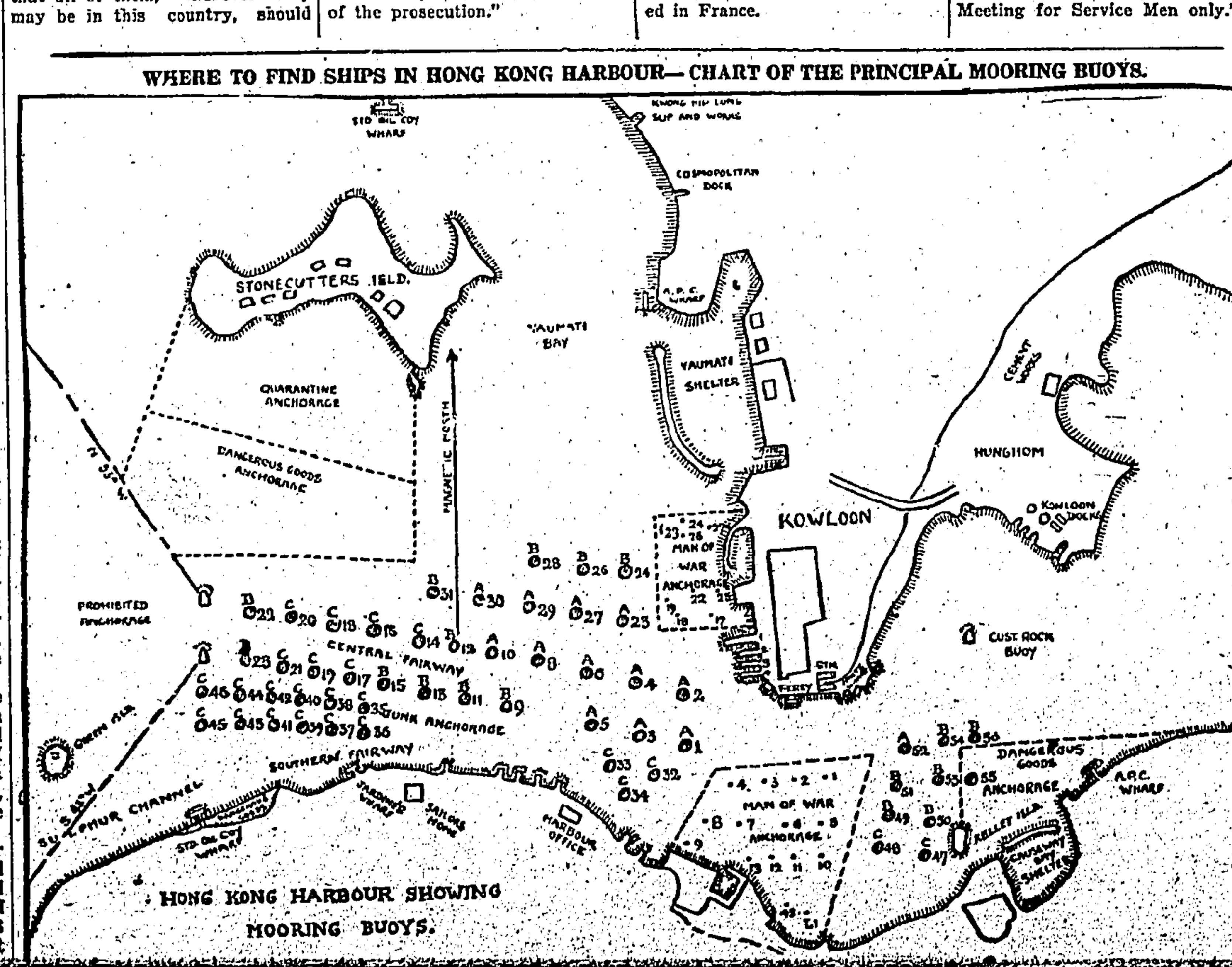
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WEEKLY SERVICE.

The Air Estimates (wrote the "Daily Telegraph's" Parliamentary correspondent recently) yielded a first-rate debate, not in the oratorical sense (for there was no oratory), but in the more useful sense of an interchange of ideas. There was more fresh original thinking in it than goes to a couple of Army debates or a dozen Navy debates.

Indeed, the air seems to have a peculiar faculty of provoking marked divergencies of thought and of breaking through the accepted conventions. So would the birds, if they were to take part in a council of the great cats and carnivores, of whose methods our tactics and strategy, until quite recently were only elaborated imitations.

In the middle of the debate came the news of Lieutenant Kinkend's death. It was like a speech made sub silentio.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Minister of Air, has a manner that is in curious contradiction with his manner. The manner is, indeed, almost old-maidish; the thought is clear and downright. His speech to-day was a carefully thought out essay, rather than a departmental speech. Throughout he seemed to feel the necessity for continually justifying himself against the two older departments of defence. He is a romanticist in the sense in which no War Minister or First Lord of the Admiralty ever is. He is by the very nature of his office an innovator and a pioneer of new ideas, many of which, it should be added, not only the Minister, but Lady Maude Hoare, too, test by personal experience.

Annihilator of Distance. The longest section of his speech to-day dealt with the airship, which he regards primarily as the great annihilator of distance and unifier of Empire. If only it can be made safe and trustworthy, it can carry passengers in comfort, mails in quantity, and, with its immense range, can be independent of contact with foreign countries.

All this led up to the announcement that he hoped shortly to begin a weekly mail service by airship to India, which would save ten days between Calcutta and London. The Persian Government, it seems, has unexpectedly placed difficulties in the way at the last moment, but these can be overcome or evaded by the choice of some other route.

Sir Samuel had comparatively little to say on the military side of aviation, though he told us of an increase of strength, amounting to four squadrons, at cost less than last year's provision.

The second half of his speech was an elaborate defence of the Air Ministry as a separate department, and of service in the air as a career for young men that was now stabilised. He also gave an account of some new progress of air science—notably in the substitution of metal for wood in aeroplanes, the invention of the "slotted-wing" machine, which diminishes greatly the risk of crashes, and in the development of flying-boats, on which he spoke with enthusiasm.

Chocolate or Dynamite.

Mr. Dalton opened the discussion from the Labour benches in one of those fluent, accomplished speeches in which the second half cancels out what was said in the first half. Very different was the speech of Captain Guest, an anti-Lloyd George Liberal, who usually votes Conservative. He spoke to-day with quite remarkable forcefulness, accused Sir Samuel Hoare of having "a department of dynamite," and talking about it "as though it was chocolate cream."

He maintained that we were falling behind in our air services and that much more rapid progress was being made in America, France, and Germany. His grievance is not that we are spending too much, but spending too little.

Vision of Next War.

That was also the view of Mr. John Buchan, who spoke later in the debate. He argued that if we were going to economise, far better to do it at the expense of the Army and Navy. We were not spending enough on the Air Service. The next war would not be a prolonged tug-of-war like the last. It would strike at the nerve centres.

Napoleon was wrong. Our business in war was not to seek out the enemy's forces and defeat them, but to break the enemy's morale at the lowest cost to ourselves. The next war would begin with a struggle for supremacy in the air, and its result might settle the entire war before fleets and armies could come into touch.

Air was the least costly form of defence, and the most elementary and vital. Mr. Buchan quoted figures to show how it had reduced the cost of our defence in Mesopotamia and Trans-Jordania, so that what would have cost £20,000,000, now cost under £2,000,000.

Mr. Buchan has not quite got

FLEET STREET!

"QUEX" OF THE "EVENING
NEWS."

A TRIBUTE.

Few journalists have been treated to such a coming-of-age party as was assembled at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, recently to do honour to "Quex," of the London "Evening News" (Capt. G. H. F. Nichols), in celebrating his 21 years in Fleet-street.

The Earl of Birkenhead was in the chair, and among the guests were distinguished authors, soldiers, actors, journalists, and M.P.s.

As Mr. Edgar Wallace wittily expressed it, no one but "Quex" could have put Mr. Arnold Bennett and Mr. Jack Joel on nodding terms or brought Mr. Gordon Selfridge to sit beside a large shareholder in Whiteleys.

Lord Dewar, one of a score or so who wrote regretting their absence, declared, "To be noted and noticed by 'Quex' is to have achieved fame, if not immortality."

Lord Birkenhead, in toasting "Quex," said that it was the gift of their guest that without ever degrading his paragraphs to the level of sugary flattery, he never disfigured them by either vulgarity or malice.

His pen indeed was kindly, but was never obsequious. He preserved a poise very remarkable in one who dealt with topics in which a very slight error of taste in a detail might mar the quality of the contribution as a whole.

He had an intuitive insight into that which might be said by a well-bred man of the world, and that which might not be said; he had a perspective and a correlation which have been conceded to very few who have committed their barbs to those perilous and shallow waters.

"Quex," in returning thanks, touched on the inspiration he received from "The Daily Mail" while on the threshold of a career in Nottingham.

A silver cigar box of generous size was presented to him by his friends.

"BIGGEST STORE."

MR. SELFRIDGE HAS HUGE
PLANS.

TWO-ACRE EXTENSION.

By the acquisition, as opportunity offers, of approximately two acres of land, forming practically a square in rear of the existing Selfridge Block in Oxford-street, Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge will in view an extension which, in his own words, will make the concern "the biggest store in the world."

In an interview with a representative of the "Daily Telegraph" he said: "A business like ours in a city such as London is capable of indefinite extension. Our plans are not yet complete, but if we get the land we want, we shall extend the store over the whole area. But the matter of negotiation is full of complications, and may take a long time—it may be years."

Mr. Selfridge was not prepared to discuss the question of cost, but it is obvious that, apart from the erection of new buildings, when the time comes, a very large sum of money must be involved in dealing with various interests, and that the process must be a gradual one.

The area covered by the scheme is bounded on the south by Somerset-street—on the other side of this thoroughfare is the Selfridge building—on the west by Orchard-street, on the north by Wigmore-street, and on the east by Duke-street. Mr. Selfridge has already secured Somerset-street, and a number of the small Georgian houses have been in the occupation of the firm for some time. The Duke-street side, too, it is understood, is under his control, as is much of the Wigmore-street section, and he holds ground leases in Orchard-street. All of the property is leasehold, and is largely on the Portman estate.

Negotiations have yet to be effected in regard to the remainder of Wigmore-street and Orchard-street. Among the lessees or under-lessees are business firms, private residents, hotel and shop keepers, and with

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It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to Europe has been reduced to \$1.05 per word.

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| Shanghai | Taming | |
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| THURSDAY, APRIL 26. | | |
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| For | Per | SATURDAY, APRIL 21. |
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| Pakhol | Kwang Foh | 5 p.m. |
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| MONDAY, APRIL 23. | | |
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| Mauritius via Saigon | Tin How | 12.30 p.m. |
| Manila, Sandakan and Rabaul | Calulu | 2.30 p.m. |
| Swatow | Hydrangea | 2.30 p.m. |
| Amoy | Soochow | 4.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Canada, Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 17th May and Europe via Siberia, Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Apr. 24th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Apr. 24th) 10.30 a.m. | President Jackson | |

Correspondence bearing year's name only.

LIEUT. KINKEAD.

Verdict: Death By Misadventure.

MACHINE FAULTLESS.

Aviator Not Affected By Machine's Fumes.

London, Yesterday. The verdict at the inquest on the death of Flight-Lieut. Kinkead was "death by misadventure". Major Cooper, Inspector of Accidents of the Air Ministry, testified that the machine was faultless. He believed that Kinkead had decided to abandon the attempt, and misjudged the height from the water on attempting to alight. Major Cooper was definitely of opinion that Kinkead was not affected by fumes in the slightest and said that another attempt to break the record would be made and that everything possible would be done to prevent accidents.—Reuter.

LOVER OF 82.

LADY SAID HE WAS "SO SLOW."

BREACH OF PROMISE.

Counsel: When has he [a man of 82] refused to marry you?

Single Woman of 55, suing for damages for breach of promise. He has not absolutely refused, but he has had long enough time to be shaping.

Counsel: Did you propose to him?

The Woman: Ladies have to shake men up sometimes when they are so slow.

There were many amusing moments in a case at Lancaster Assizes in which the foregoing dialogue occurred. It resulted in the award of £50 damages to Miss Margaret Ann Thomson, a fancy goods dealer, of Great Ecclesfield, against James Robinson, a retired stone-mason, of Church-street, Silverdale, narrates the "Daily News."

He Came Bringing Gifts.

They met in the summer of 1915, when she was 45 and he was 70. An ardent wooer, he called for her daily at eight in the morning, always bringing either eatables or flowers.

As he could not write, a friend called Mrs. Fleming—whom Mr. Justice Rigby Swift described as "Cupid"—wrote his love letters for him.

Mr. Jolly, for Miss Thomson, said Mr. Robinson in 1926 cooled off, and had refused to carry out the engagement.

Mr. Goldie (for Mr. Robinson): We are still willing to carry out the contract.

Mr. Jolly: So are we.

Counsel as Bridesmaid.

His Lordship: Had we better not adjourn and sit in another building which is just outside (the parish church)?—If they want a best man and a bridesmaid I am sure Mr. Goldie and you will oblige.

Mr. Robinson, a fresh-complexioned man looking much younger than his years, said he had land in Canada for which he was asking £4,000. If there had been a quick sale, there would have been a quick marriage.

Mr. Goldie: Would you marry her to-morrow if you could afford to keep a wife?

Mr. Robinson: Yes, happen before to-night. (Laughter.)

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL 23.

At 9 a.m. on St. George's Day (April 23) the President of St. George's Society of Hong Kong will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph. The Committee hope that as many members as possible will attend.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Boyd, D.S.O., and Officers the Band of the 1st Batt. The Queen's Royal Regiment will play the Retreat on the Cricket Club Ground (by courtesy) at 5.30 p.m. (weather permitting).

The Hong Kong Cricket Club have kindly placed their stand at the disposal of the public.

The Committee and Members of the Society will be "At Home" to H.M. Forces at 9.30 p.m. in the Queen's and Star Theatres.

FLYING BACK.

What the "Bremen" Will Attempt.

TO GERMANY.

Pressmen And Cinema-men Stranded In Snowstorm.

London, Yesterday.

Koshi announces that the German airmen will attempt to fly back in the "Bremen" to Germany.

Unlucky News-Gatherers.

Quebec, Yesterday.

A gale has forced down 20 miles north-east of Murray Bay, a Canadian seaplane returning

from Greenly Island with pressmen and cinematographers.—Reuter's American Service.

Ford Monoplane Going.

New York, Yesterday.

A giant Ford monoplane has been chartered by New York interests and has left Detroit with supplies for Murray Bay where she will pick up spare parts and a pilot to proceed to Greenly Island.—Reuter's American Service.

TRAFFIC IN STAMPS.

WOMAN'S ACCOUNT OF THREE BAGS FULL.

At the Mansion House recently,

before the Lord Mayor (Sir Charles Batho), James Claud Long, stamp dealer, of Fenchurch-street, E.C., was summoned

for fraudulently removing

stamps from cheques and other

documents so that they might be

used again and for dealing in

stamps, not being licensed.

Mr. Gallaher, prosecuting for

the General Post Office, said that

for some time there had been an

extensive traffic in uncancelled

stamps used for revenue purposes,

which women employed by waste-

paper dealers found on old docu-

ments.

Long, when seen by an officer of

the Post Office, admitted that in

one transaction he had sold

stamps of the face value of £8

for 26.

Julia O'Donnell, a woman em-
ployed by a waste-paper dealer, said that on one occasion she and her friends had three bags full of stamps. She sold them to Long. He usually paid half their face value for them.

Long was fined £20 for the
fraudulent use of a penny stamp,

£20 for the removal of a 6d.

stamp, and £20 for dealing in

stamps without a licence, or two

months' imprisonment for each

offence.

Andrew Stevens, stamp dealer,

of Fenchurch-street, who was

summoned for dealing in stamps

without a licence, was fined 40s.

The crux of the situation lies

in the Shansi sector.

Peking's Position.

Shansi's geographical position is such that any attempt by the

Peking leaders to maintain a

long line of communications with

areas in the south are subject to

flank attacks by Shansi.

As Shansi's goodwill cannot be ob-

tained, the Peking leaders are

now making a serious effort to